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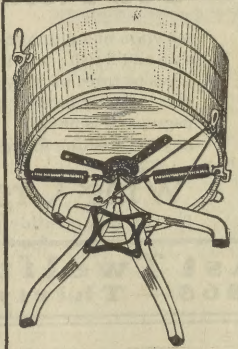


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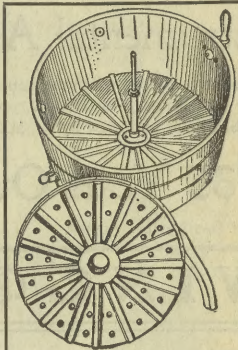


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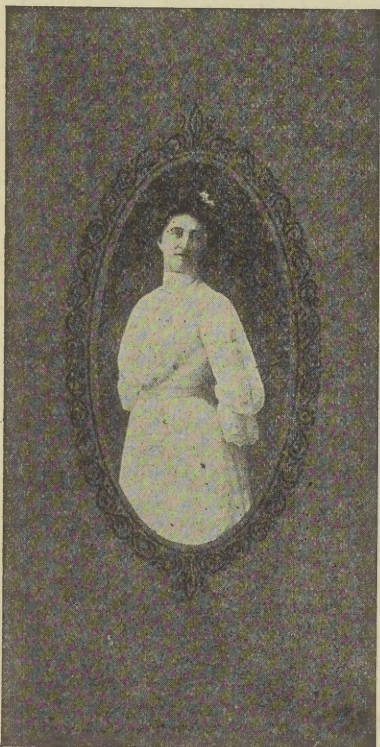
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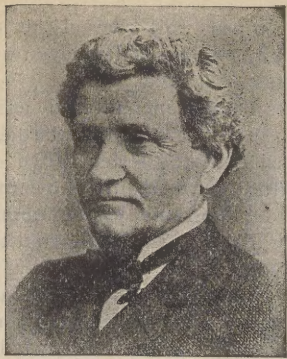
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THE CARNATION.

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What amateur has inhaled the fragrance from this clove-scented beauty without desiring to grow it in his own home? It is deservedly popular, for in range of colors, in delicacy of odor, in general grace it is not surpassed even by the rose, in my estimation. It arouses in one visions of the Southland where fragrant spices perfume the air and where life is not always strenuous but is sometimes willing to be soothed into reveries and blissful ease.

To grow carnations successfully in the house in winter, one must begin with them in the spring. At this season all florists have on hand a stock of slips already rooted which are easily mailed and which stand transportation well. My own plan is to study over the varieties I shall want early in May, and at the end of the month the order is sent to the dealer. Before the arrival of the slips, the garden spot is plowed or spaded and made as rich as possible by a free use of any well-rotted manure. The regular vegetable seeds may be planted but space is reserved for the carnations just as one reserves a space for tomatoes or cabbages. It seems best to plant all of the slips in a single row some eighteen inches apart.

On the arrival of the rooted slips, no time should be lost in setting them into the row reserved for them. I prefer to wait till evening to set them out, drenching the soil deep with water so that every root may be ready for the special strain imposed on the plant by transplanting. The young carnations need to be protected from the hot sun and from the depredations of fowls. Large

burdock leaves held down at the edges by stones are specially valuable. For three or four weeks the small plants will not appear to do much. No growth above the ground will be apparent. Do not feel discouraged for growth is lengthening the roots under the soil and when they become sufficiently established, growth above the ground will begin. At best the carnation is a slow grower not anxious to thrust its rare grace boldly upon us.

During the summer it will need much the same care that one would give to tomatoes. It should have weekly hoeings. It will appreciate a thorough drenching of its foliage every three or four days especially during the hot months, July and August. If a mulch of well-rotted manure can be given it, it will do so much the better. Sometimes one may with good advantage use lawn clippings over the manure, or mulch with them alone. We must not forget that a mulch of this kind is

very tempting to chickens and so keep an eye on the fowls.

As soon as the carnations reach upward they should be supported by a light trellis or a stake bearing one or two cross pieces. How often in my early experience, I have had my thrifty plants torn and bruised, and partly covered by sand after a violent summer thunder storm. Then, too, supporting the plants invites straighter growth and keeps off tramping dogs, cats and hens. After the plants reach upward to some height, if there is a tendency for any to be spindling, the tips should be pinched off so that later growth will push out and form bushy plants. Some growers pinch off all first tips saying that it makes the plants thrifty and stalky. One need have no fears that one's plants will suffer from such treatment. More failures result from want of it than from doing it.



CARNATIONS.

All buds should be picked off while the plants are in the garden.

About the middle of September, preferably after a good shower, the plants should be potted. In lifting them from the ground, disturb the roots as little as possible and keep the ball of earth on them. Use good rich soil in the pots. Water well and set the potted plants in the shade for a week. If it rains in the meantime, set them out in it. Placing the plants on the floor of a cool shed or even in the cellar till they become used to the pots has always given me good results. In a week they will be ready for the light and this should come at first from a north window.

It may be said in conclusion that three conditions are necessary to bring the indoor plants to vigorous bloom: good light, a medium temperature and a humid or moist air. A south window will furnish the light par excellence. The tem-

perature should not be above sixty or sixty-five degrees for carnations. For this reason, they frequently do better in a bedroom than in a living room. The air may be kept moist by allowing water to evaporate from some wide dish standing near the growing plants. Weekly drenchings of the foliage will keep away the red spider and stimulate the plants to healthy growth. When the buds appear, one should not increase the heat by placing the plants near the stove. Let them develop slowly. Failure sometimes results from the blasting of the buds from hot, dry air. Unnecessary parts of the plant such as scraggly stems may be pruned off with the shears, thus admitting to the important part of the plant more light and more air so that the buds may open with a full development.

Jacob F. Bucher.

THE FLOWERING CURRANT.

One of the dearest shrubs that bloomed in the old-time gardens, or nestled closely up against the house near some window, was the yellow Flowering or Missouri Currant (*Ribes aureum*). The bush was not cultivated for its beauty, though its slender branches droop gracefully and its bright, glossy leaves seem always newly washed by a shower. The rich, spicy odor of its numerous yellow blossoms was what endeared it to our mothers and grandmothers, and made it so generally cultivated.

Step into an old-fashioned garden in the early spring and at once you notice that the air is full of a spicy fragrance, irresistibly charming, and unlike that of any other flower. The bees love the blossoms and hover in swarms around the bush, disputing your

right to a share in its fragrance. If you gather an armful of the branches to adorn and perfume the house, they will follow you to the door, unwilling to yield their claims to the nectar stored in the golden blossoms. A bunch of the branches will fill a room full of a delightful odor. Later, the purplish-black fruit helps to make the shrub attractive, and is pleasant to the taste when fully ripe.

The Flowering Currant deserves to be in everybody's garden. It is a vigorous grower, perfectly hardy, and will flourish in any good soil. It grows about six feet in height and when well-established, one can cut a quantity of branches without hurting it. A dressing of good stable manure in the fall is beneficial and will promote luxuriant growth. If you have room, certainly plant a Flowering Currant; no modern shrub will afford you greater pleasure, for none has the same delightful, spicy fragrance. Florence Beckwith.

UNDER THE APPLE BOUGHS.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Drift upon drift of sweet-scented snow,
The apple boughs now are all bending low,
Weighted with blossoms and, list to the bird
Trilling such lays as never were heard;

Yes, over and over,
That jubilant lover,

The gay meadow lark, all cheerily sings,
A fountain of praise, upon tremulous wings.

Dart Fairthorne.

THE WATER LILY IN KANSAS.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

So far as my observation and investigation extend there are no Water Lilies indigenous to this section of southwestern Kansas, although the Yoncopin, (American Lotus) and what is generally termed the pond lily, are found extensively in the eastern portions of the state. There may be other reasons why they have not a foothold here, than the altitude of 3,000 feet, with scorching, withering winds, and water impregnated with alkali and gypsum, but by far the most plausible, is the scarcity and irregularity of water in the ponds and streams—so if we enjoy them, they must be imported, and artificial habitations prepared.

It is not the intention to give instructions for building ponds or basins—every locality has its own peculiar surroundings and can be properly handled by those intending to build, but I will describe the one which is here illustrated, and that will serve for hundreds of others that dot the valleys as well as the high lands, they being used for irrigating purposes, and for furnishing water for vast herds of cattle. It does not matter where one may desire to locate a pond or reservoir, as they are termed—whether it be in sandy loam of river bottom or the more compact soil of the higher lands, it is made to hold water by a very simple process, and the construction of a reservoir 50x50 can be accomplished at an expense of \$15 or \$20. A site being selected, the ground is plowed to the depth of six or eight inches, the soil being used to help form the banks. The dirt is usually moved with scrapers, and the same track being pursued, by the time the banks are sufficiently high they are fairly well tramped and settled by the team. Water is now turned in (which is furnished by pumps, operated by wind mills and gasoline engines) until the bottom is covered, when it is allowed to settle away; then cattle or horses are used to puddle and tramp to dryness. Thus made they will hold water like a jug, if they are not permitted to dry out or freeze without sufficient water to protect the bottom. This we learned from the Buffalo wallows.

But I have digressed. My pond is 40x75 ft. with an average depth of four feet. Success did not come without failure—and I am not writing as an expert, but simply as an amateur, who tried and found out. I had read descriptions and studied varieties, and thought after I had complied with requirements as to soil and depth of water, and season to plant, all was done; and in my fancy I saw what has since been realized, but on far different lines. Having prepared places under the south bank, which acted as a wind-brake. I planted *Nymphaea odorata*, and *odorata minor* (two natives) *Nymphaea alba* and *candidissima*, (English) *Flava* (Florida yellow), the Chinese Dwarf and the Cape Cod, Pink. Of these varieties but three have stood the test. The English, the Chinese, and our native white. These have proven so hardy, that on one occasion when the temperature was at zero, and the five inches of ice covered the pond, the water was by accident drained off which condition lasted for several days, before sufficient water was again pumped in to

cover their roots, but in the spring they showed no signs of injury. The next spring after the first planting I filled in the vacancies with the same varieties. By this time the first planting should have been well established and producing lots of bloom, but it was a disappointment—plenty of foliage—but few flowers. There must be a cause, the depth of water was about right, the temperature 58° when turned in, and in mid-summer after being in the pond a day or so would indicate 70° to 75°. It must be understood now that the water from this reservoir was being used for irrigating purposes, and every few days was drawn off and lowered from one to two feet, and this quantity was often pumped in during the course of twenty-four hours—so it will be observed the temperature varied greatly which was detrimental to growth, besides the ever changing depth was injurious, for today a bud would be floating on eighteen inches of water, and tomorrow it would be a foot beneath the surface. Enough said—I had not read intelligently—a lack of gumption, but I had become enthused, and must have lilies and the lilies must have water, warm, and still



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water, so I set about furnishing these requirements. An annex ten feet on the bottom, was built along the south bank of the reservoir, an inch pipe with a cut-off was inserted in the bank to connect the two, and an overflow pipe was also provided. Proper soil was filled in to the depth of one foot, and two years ago were planted, the English variety *candidissima* and three rosea (Cape Cod.) These grew and bloomed the first season, then two died, and the third lingered along and died late the second season. Three *Marliacea*, Canary yellow, one Gladstone (the Irish Loch lily) one *Marliacea* (pink or flesh, one-half dozen N. O. Superba, two Florida yellow were also planted.) These with the exception of the Pink and Yellow are all doing well, and furnish bloom from the middle of May until frost. It has not been my intention to detail the merits and beauty of each variety; suffice it to say that

most of the hardy ones well reward the cultivator for time and money expended, even on the high and windy plains of Kansas.

The worst enemies I have encountered are the snails and aphides, the former can be held in check by a few sunfish, but the latter prove more troublesome, appearing generally in late summer. Coal oil emulsion is the remedy recommended, but I find they generally live their allotted time, although war is made upon them every few days with a strong solution, applied by means of an auto-spray. Another enemy which has been encountered on two occasions is the muskrat; he is very fond of the roots, besides destroying the banks. His presence can be detected by detached floating leaves and muddy water.

Garden City, Kan. S. G. Norris.

MEMORIAL DAY.

We visit the graves of our soldiers today,
While nature is robed with the beauty of May;
We'll carry of flowers the brightest with care,
Of tender affection the emblems so fair.
New anthems of praise and thanksgiving we sing,
While garlands and wreaths in profusion we bring;
And thousands will bless, from each station in life,
The gallant and noble who fell in the strife.

—Selected.

EXPERIENCE NOTES ON SWEET PEAS.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

When trenching for sweet peas make the trench about the width of the spade and sow the seeds close to either side. This will give two rows between which to place the wire netting or other support. Later on, as the trench is filled, leave a depression or trough between the rows against the day of drouth. Less water will be required, and it will be certain to reach the roots. Two years ago, during the long drouth, our peas were watered but twice, but the shallow trough enabled us to make a thorough job of it. Notwithstanding the water, the heat reflected from the sandy soil fairly burned the lower leaves, and the blossoms were growing few and small when we resorted to shading the ground at the base of the vines. We had a few light cloth screens which had been used over the spring seed-beds, and these were placed mornings along the east and afternoons along the west sides of the row. For the rest of the space we pinned newspapers to the netting, fastening them to the ground by sticks or clods of dirt. The very first day showed improvement, and thereafter the vines seemed to suffer very much less from the dry weather. We concluded the heat was quite as harmful as the drouth, and shall hereafter provide for shade as well as water.

Lucy A. Osband.

KINDLY WORDS.

BY BENJAMIN B. KEECH.

A kind word costs but little, yet 'tis worth its weight in gold,
And he who speaks one willingly has treasures rich, untold,
That, in the distant future, he may reap, with thankful hand,—
For kindly words, once spoken, yield a harvest, fair and grand.

Each kindly word will sink into the heart that longs for it,
And in the fertile soil will grow and blossom forth,—a bit
Of warm and tender sunshine that will brighten some one's
way,—

And kindly deeds will blossom from the seed you sow today

There never was a person that could not appreciate
A word, when kindly spoken, be he small or be he great;
And every word that's uttered in a kindly voice, and true,
Can hardly fail to bear its seed, and blossom forth, anew.

Each kindly word shall be a factor in the mighty force
Which, in the distant years to come, shall quell the downward
course

Of sin and wrong that binds the world, and holds it in its sway—
Then go and speak your kindly words,—oh, speak them while
you may.

ABOUT GLADIOLI.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

How to get the most enjoyment out of a collection of gladioli is something worth knowing. Perhaps my experience may be helpful to another. For some years I gave up raising gladioli; they did not fit in well with my other plants; they did not always blossom; they faded soon and seemed to be altogether unadapted to my conditions. Finally I purchased a named collection and planted them in the garden to share with peas and beans and cabbages in the general cultivation. The result was most gratifying. They grew strong and thrifty. At blossoming time the stems were cut on the opening of the second flower—care being taken not to cut below any side spikes—and brought into the house. Every day the water in the vases was changed, the ends of the stems clipped, and the wilted flowers removed. Treated in this way each stem lasted nearly two weeks and blossomed perfectly to the last bud. Every day added something new and in a short time the house was a glow of color. The changes which the blossoms underwent in confinement, growing more and more delicate in hue, were not the least interesting part of the color feast.

Since that summer, 'gladioli, even more than sweet peas, have been our chief reliance. We add each season a few choice named bulbs, a dozen or so of childsi and lemoines, and thus have come to have several hundred bulbs. They still get only garden culture, except that when setting them I put into the hole a mixture of leaf-mold and muck with a very little litter from the hen-house. This is mixed with the sandy soil. It gives the plants a good start and they are not so apt to feel the dry weather later on. The bulbs are set out at different times, so that the season of bloom extends from the middle of July or earlier till near the time of frost. We have come to look forward with longing to their blossoming time. They constitute in our own home a perpetual supply of sunshine, and they carry it to the sick, the shut in, the flowerless poor, the weary girl behind her desk in the city, the tired mother with her many cares and to the aged who are too feeble to cultivate flowers but still love them passionately. They are our floral bank which never fails to honor a draft.

In the autumn, when they are taken up, the bulbs are grouped and labeled in accordance with the planting record and the notes kept through the summer. Selections are made for the friends to whom we wish to send a gift or with whom we make exchanges, and the body of bulbs is put away in condition for the spring planting. Any plant becomes interesting when you make a special study of it, and the gladiolus is an excellent subject to begin with.

Lucy A. Osband.

WHICH IS BEST?

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

After all danger of frosty nights is passed, the out door growth looks so fresh and new we are often disappointed in the appearance of our house

plants. The dust of winter has been hard upon them, and perhaps too, they are suffering from soil exhaustion. Now would it be better to put our plants out doors for the summer, or just give them new, rich soil in pots?

From the results of last summer I would unhesitatingly advise bedding them out. The begonia bed gave me much pleasure—from June until September, and then the plants were in such robust condition to go into winter quarters. The number of slips I gave from the bed was quite a lot and yet the plants were only trimmed enough to keep in nice shape. The taking up and potting in the fall caused no set-back to them; of course it was carefully done. But few buds were removed from the plants through the summer; they were let blossom at will, and unlike geraniums, they seem to bloom as well this winter as if budding had been practiced. Give the begonias a loose rich soil, old swamp dirt where possible, in a position where only a few hours of early morning sun will shine, and if not allowed to

the darkness has brought, and linger lovingly among them at night.

They have become intimately acquainted with the few varieties which their garden affords. Phlox, pansies, portulaca, candytuft, sweet peas, and pinks will always be to them familiar friends. They enjoy them all but the bright-faced pansies are favorites. They spend hours poring over plant catalogues, and the puzzling question, "What shall I do now, papa, or mamma?" is not asked as frequently as formerly. Gathering bouquets of their treasures for friends, or making the home dinner table bright with a vase full of them, gives them great pleasure. I am sure that no slight obstacle will be allowed to stand in the way of providing our children with a garden each year.

Has any of our little readers ever made a garden in a saucer? This is how it may be done. Place your saucer in a sunny window; put in it a piece of sponge or some white cotton, then sprinkle over that about a teaspoonful of whole flaxseed, and fill up the saucer with water. All the care this tiny garden will need is plenty of water. After a few days you will find your seeds sprouting, and before very long you will have a flourishing green spot in your room. Some little sick child would enjoy seeing such a garden "grow." G. B. G.

PINKS.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Many flower lovers are partial to the old fashioned clover scented pink, but it does not spread from the root enough to satisfy the demand of those who wish to make beds or borders of them. Most people imagine they are difficult to propagate, but I give you my experience hoping that others may be benefited.

Two years ago I had a small bunch of double white pinks of which the larger portion was accidentally broken off. I discovered it before it was withered and separated each shoot that was as much as three inches long, from the main stem and inserted them in a sandy soil in the flower garden. This was just after the blooming season. The weather was very

dry and it was impossible to supply the amount of moisture which cuttings of other kinds require. I was pleasantly surprised to find that nearly all of them were well rooted by October. I moved them to a permanent bed and gave away some. Now I have a bed two by six feet, full of buds, which will soon open into hundreds of fragrant blossoms. Nothing can be prettier. I often sit and inhale their fragrance forgetting that this is an unkind world and decide that life is not so bad after all.

Most shrubs will root if cuttings are made in the fall and given the care as rose cuttings. This is not written for those who are able to buy every plant that they fancy, but for those who have a natural love for flowers and have not the means to purchase them. Flower lovers are nearly always glad to divide with people who will take care of their plants. I have more than a hundred choice roses and care for them all myself, besides doing other things.—Mrs. Callie Cawthon.



A CORNER OF THE LARGEST SWEET PEA FIELD IN THE WORLD.
(See article on page five.)

suffer for water the growth will be a surprise.

Geraniums and Abutilons do better in a more sunny situation, but they will do well in the same sort of soil. If you do not have them, don't fail to get an Asparagus Sprengeri and an A. plumosus; they, like the cheery Oxalis, are needfuls.

Pansy.

FLOWER GARDENS.

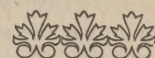
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I am just learning what a joy and delight a very small flower garden can be to children. Mine hover over their two little beds like humming-birds. The seeds are planted in boxes in the early spring, and from the time that the first little sprout shows itself until the asters open their buds and make ready for their autumn display, they are a constant joy. Every new bud is hailed with welcomings. The children visit them in the early morning to see what new treasures



Talks About Flowers

By
BENJAMIN B. KEECH



Seed Sowing Out of Doors.

If you haven't a hotbed, greenhouse or suitable window in which to sow your flower seeds, the work can be done advantageously out of doors. Select a sunny strip of ground that is mellow and in good condition; spade it deep, crush the lumps and rake it even and fine. Then, after it has settled a few days, sow the seed, either in rows or broadcast, covering with soil about two or three times as thick as the seeds themselves. If planted in rows, do not be too generous with the seed; better make two or three rows than crowd them all into one. It will be a good plan to attach the empty packets to small sticks, placing these in the ground as soon as each kind is sowed; thus you will know which is which. Beginners frequently do not know one plant from another, and it is quite desirable that they should.

If the weather continues dry for several days after sowing, sprinkle the ground thoroughly, every night. If it becomes baked, it may be necessary to take a fork and carefully loosen it here and there. Give daily attention and cover with soil the seeds that become uncovered. They will not all sprout at the same time, but in a week or two from the day of sowing, you ought to be rewarded by several interesting young shoots that were not there before. "But maybe they will be weeds?" says some one. In this case, you should promptly pull them up. If you are not sure, however, wait until some one comes along that knows. When you are correctly informed, keep the ground free from all vegetation except the flowers.

Unless the soil was enriched with decayed manure when it was spaded up, preparatory to sowing the seed, it would be a good idea to collect some finely decayed compost and sprinkle it around the seedlings. This will act as a mulch—if such a thing should be needed—and the plantlets will feed upon it. If the seed come up thicker than you expected, make it a point to thin them out before many of the true leaves have developed. In this way, all will be given a chance to amount to something, while otherwise it would be impossible for them to grow well. They may be either transplanted to another portion of the seed bed or into the permanent beds that they are to occupy. Generally, they should not be disturbed until the third true leaf has showed itself; but, if handled with care, they may be transplanted almost as soon as up. The ground must be fine and well prepared, however.

Choose a cloudy day when you change them from one place to another, or wait until after sundown. If the weather is dry, the ground should be made quite moist. A good way to do is to make a small excavation with your trowel or fork, wherever a specimen is to be set, and fill it with water. If this is done before any of the plants

are taken from the seed bed, they may be planted much more satisfactorily than otherwise. The seedlings, if tender, should be well covered on frosty nights, both before and after transplanting. June is generally the month when annuals, etc., are placed in their permanent homes; but where they are started out of doors they may be transplanted at an earlier date. The plan of sowing seeds out of doors has one decided advantage. The plants are always stronger and sturdier than those grown in the house. They are already acclimated, and do not have to get used to outside conditions. In the long run, they are usually quite as satisfactory as those started in the hotbed or window garden. The condition of the ground is the main thing to consider. Do not rely on soil that is very worn out, very gravelly, very soggy, very badly drained or very full of angle worms. A light, mellow compost, in which there is plenty of wood's dirt and decomposed manure, mixed with friable meadow loam, and perhaps a little sand, is the right kind to use. If you are planning for a large seed bed, it may be necessary to excavate a number of inches of the

great number of them are planted together in a long row; but when properly massed, each different kind will not only show off well by itself, but will also add to the charms of its neighbor. Of course, when you have some especially choice varieties, you may want to plant them by the back door—or by the front door—where you can keep an eye on them; but otherwise, the different kinds look better when the colors are combined in picturesque harmony. A stake, driven into the ground in the center of each clump will support the stalks, if tied to it with twine.

If you plant the bulbs in a row, drive a stout stick at either end, and string a wire or strong cord from one to the other. Then the spikes may be tied to this, where it passes in front of them, and they will be held gracefully but firmly in place. Plant the bulbs about four inches underground, but do not imagine that at the North they will pass the winter with safety. To be sure, they may, not infrequently, escape unharmed; but this is the exception, not the rule. They can be planted nearear together in masses than otherwise—about three or four inches apart, according

to size of bulbs. The ground should always be rich and mellow. Do not expect the gladiolus or any similar plant to do its best in poor, worn out, or very badly drained soil. Water, mulch and attention should be frequently and thoroughly given.

Your dahlias should also be planted in the full sunlight, and in the best soil you can provide. If several shoots start from a tuber, they should all be removed except the three most promising-looking ones. This may be a hard thing to do, but you should ask yourself which you would rather have: many shoots and few blossoms or many blossoms and few shoots. The latter will be realized when you keep the growth in proper bounds. Plant the tubers from a

foot and a half to two feet apart. Cover three inches deep. Plant only one tuber in a "hill;" and, if at this time you have several large clumps in the cellar, divide them and give the surplus tubers away. Get the dahlia started early, attend to it decently, and it will see that you do not go unrewarded.

I hope you are going to plant the canna in large quantities this spring. No flower makes a longer or more satisfactory display; and no plant is easier to get along with. It enjoys a rich soil, plenty of sunlight and water, and will do well in round beds on the lawn or in masses against dark foliage or as a background for smaller plants. The tubers should be set about eighteen inches from each other; they soon make large plants and require much room. The tall varieties should naturally be placed in the center of a bed, or at the back of other plants. The foliage should be protected on frosty nights, if cold weather comes unexpectedly.

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DAHLIAS.

earth and provide a layer of gravel or something similar, for drainage,

CANNAS, DAHLIAS AND GLADIOLI.

This is the month when you should plant your gladioli, cannas, dahlias and other summer-blooming bulbs—that is, if the weather is suitable. When you see the farmers begin to plant their corn, you should commence to plant your gladioli. Either do the work all at once, or make successive plantings, so as to assure yourself of a longer, if not better display than otherwise. It is to be hoped that you have procured enough bulbs so that you can experiment with them in a different way than by planting them all in a long, straight row. If you will mass a number of bulbs in clumps of from five to nine, each color in a clump by itself, I am sure you will declare that the gladiolus, is a much more satisfactory flower than you have heretofore found it.

The flowers lose their individuality when a

The Great Seed Farms of California

By Hamilton Wright



Three million dollars a year for seed! That's what the world pays in profits to the big seed plantations around San Jose, Cal. Not bad for an American industry less than a half dozen years old. In these days of co-operation and combination it pays to raise things on a big wholesale scale, and the seed-raisers of Holland, France and Germany with their little plots of a hundred or so acres are just beginning to find this out, as American seeds can be bought cheaper and better in Europe than they can be raised there. I have just been through the big seed belt around San Jose. Within a radius of eighty miles there are fourteen great seed plantations. I went through one onion patch of 3,000 acres, with furrows almost two miles long unbroken by a ditch, road or fence. I saw a single plot of sweet peas covering 800 acres, all in bloom in the winter season; a bed of yellow asters, 210 acres in extent, more than a homestead farm; an unbroken stretch of waving lettuce tops covering 2,100 acres of land.

The big seed plantations of Central California have gone in for seed-raising on a gigantic scale. Some of the plantations are devoted exclusively to the production of one kind of seed. Altogether there are 14,500 acres devoted to raising plants and flowers for their seeds alone. The European seed raisers have always insisted that the finer qualities of seeds could not be successfully raised on a wholesale scale, and that it required the most exacting attention to keep a strain up to the required standard. So emphatically has this doctrine been insisted upon that for generations none of the professional seedmen have attempted to raise their products on a wholesale basis. It was only by accident that the big American seed growers who were devoting large acreages to the raising of coarse and hardy vegetable seeds discovered that by infinite care the finer and more valuable varieties could be raised on an extended scale. The evolution in the seed industry was caused by the increasing demand for finer grade seeds as agricultural land became more valuable.

There is something over eleven million dollars worth of seeds raised commercially in the United States every year. Of this amount almost one-fourth comes from the big California seed belt. These estimates do not include cereal seeds such as wheat, corn, oats

or barley or such seeds as are raised by the farmer and sold to his neighbors.

The great California seed belt begins in Santa Clara Valley about fifty miles southeast of San Francisco. In all its branches the seed industry in California gives steady employment to three thousand persons. The wages of skilled or scientific help are very high indeed. One firm pays its botanical expert a salary of \$11,000 a year and



ROWS OF FRAGRANT DWARF SWEET PEAS.

the wages go all the way down to the seed picker who is able to earn from \$1.75 to \$2.00 a day. More than \$12,000,000 are invested in the seed plantations of California and the yearly business transacted is equivalent to the total amount invested, twenty-five per cent net being considered a fair average return on a year's business. The demand for seeds is steadily increasing and a conservative

grower states that the net profit of the seed crop for the fiscal year ending March 1903 will come close to four million dollars. For the last four years the industry has increased at the rate of one hundred per cent per annum. Seed raising while one of the most scientific of all branches of herbiculture or floriculture is also one of the most expensive. A man must not only be naturally inclined to any branch of this profession but he must be thoroughly experienced before he can safely venture into this difficult field. The bulk of the vegetable seeds raised in California consists of salsify, lettuce, peas, beans, onions, beets, while in flowers sweet peas, verbenas, asters, poppies and hollyhocks are staple products. Almost every kind of seed grown in America is raised in this district in greater or less quantities. To give an idea of the enormous expense attached to seed raising on the giant scale in which it is conducted in the Santa Clara Valley, it may be said

that it costs from \$90 to \$100 an acre to grow onion seeds and to harvest such vegetables as salsify and lettuce costs from fifteen to twenty cents a pound, while the expense of harvesting most of the flower seeds is fifty cents a pound or at the rate of \$1,000 a ton.

In California the seed farmer handles two classes of crops; biennials and annuals. Biennials include all root and bulb crops such as onions, carrots, etc., which require one season for the growth of the root or bulb and one for the growth of the seed after it has been transplanted. But lettuce, sweet peas, verbenas and poppies are annuals and during the months of May and June when the flower fields are in bloom they present a gorgeous panorama of

coloring. The fragrance from their thousands and thousands of blossoms leaves an impression which will never be forgotten, and on a windy day one can catch the delicious odor of a sweet pea field a long way off.

The successful seed farmer must have served a long apprenticeship and he must be a scientific floriculturist. It requires a vast deal of care to prevent the seeds from "running down." Strange as it may seem plants have degenerate strains just as human beings and animals do. Sometimes the seed from a plant of delicate flavor and peculiar coloring brings forth a flower of coarser strain; it is "weedy" and sometimes it shows a little atavistic trait. Then again the seeds from some hardy, vigorous flower raise a weakling stem which scarcely comes into blossom at all and which pines away and dies in the first unfavorable weather. Sometimes too the seed produces a cross strain, going back ten or fifteen years before that variety of flower was perfected. This is often the case with new varieties, and a particular variety of plant which for ten years has steadily produced a white bloom may suddenly show up



THE WAY THEY CULTIVATE FLOWERS IN CALIFORNIA.

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THE SENDING FORTH OF LITTLE JANE

By Lucia Chase Bell

Continued from April Number.

In the city, after the visit to the hospital, the two wandered in the soft half-tropical sun from place to place, always with hands closely clasped, putting in the time with as brave faces as they could, but with sore hearts, thankful for the sweet solitude of the busy street. At last the time came. He could not stay to put her on the eastern-bound train, but there was a good friend of his who would keep the child and carefully see her on her way when the hour arrived. Around that block upon which the friend's house stood they walked many times, dreading the leave-taking. Now it could not be put off. He led the child to the steps, and she ascended, stopping just above him to turn and clasp her arms around his neck. Unsteadily she said, "Shall I sing you a little song?"

It was a brave little voice, though it broke and quavered and fell far flat of the key; and the lips tried to smile, but a great tear fell upon each cheek, as she stood and sang:

*"Say au revoir, but not good-bye.
Tho' the past is dead, love cannot die,
'Twere better far had we not met,
I loved you then, I love you yet!"*

Queer song for a little child to sing, with its cheap grown-up tang of the concert hall, picked up one knew not how; but he could not smile, so sad was the little, broken, loving voice.

She stopped, and there was silence. He loosened his arms. Then he heard

the door opened, and dumbly knew that little Jane had passed within, and he would see her no more.

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The days crept on in the old way. Only, somehow, in the midst of his heartache, he fancied that in some of the rudest places, up nearest the sky, where only a few miners and a handful of women and children gathered to meet him, the people seemed to understand. They said, indeed, that they "missed little Jane," for he had taken her up there with him sometimes. Now he felt vaguely that they were making an effort toward him, somehow, with warmly human heart if not religious motive. He heard, after the sermon, murmured colloquies:

"Well, you know, they never ask us—they sort o' like to run things their selves down there—he thought a sight of her—he's mighty fond of children—why, when he buried my little Mindilla—" but the pastor moved out of hearing.

He never had been able to win these people in any sensational way, but always had given them his best. Men came to hear him now who had never come before and they listened soberly to the plain Bible truths he gave them. A faded woman, with the mountain loneliness in her eyes, told him "Your preachin's the first I've heard in forty years. I'm awful glad I came. Those things you tell seem strange, but I guess they're so."

Two old people, a man and his wife—very old and bowed and wrinkled—said, "Parson, we guess we'll jine." He had importuned them many times, but they had always protested, "We jest can't give up dancin'!" Not that they could dance—stiff with rheumatism as they were! But they "loved to set 'an look on" and they "lowed the spuret was the same." And as they had set up this test for themselves, he had at last let them alone, to wrestle out the matter with their own consciences.

Now they were cordially ready to "give up dancin'."

Up at Gringer's Bar, when Bill Jackson in his big mining boots clumped over the rough floor to pass the hat, he did it with startling unctious. "Here, you Jim," he demanded in peremptory stage whisper, "dig up a quarter!" To another it was, "Plank down your four bits, son!" and to the next, "Say, Joe—a dollar!" until the pastor felt obliged to admonish him to desist.

They seemed to care, now, what he thought of them. This was not much of a step, spiritually, but it was something. After the preaching a hot dispute arose at the tavern between Bill Jackson and Jim Rhodes as to their respective evidences of piety. Was it not Bill who got up the subscription to fence the graveyard? On the other hand, was it not Jim who went 'round with the hat last week for them God-forsaken Griggses?" This was acknowledged, but it was also insisted that to fence the graveyard cost a great deal more than to feed the Griggses. To this came the hot rejoinder, "Wa'n't it worth more to feed the livin' than to fence in the dead?" After a few drinks, everybody's temper became so roused that the barkeeper cleared the place and closed up the bar for a

while, and so a fight was avoided. Anyhow, Bill declared, they wanted the parson to see that he had not been a-expoundin' up here year after year and not a thing to come of it. He was appreciated up here.

Down in the home valley, among the mills and the little alfalfa farms, the church debt seemed as impregnable as ever, the improvement to the building just as far off. Christmas time approached, and the little cluster of people up at Gringer's Bar sent down word that they were going to have a tree on Christmas Eve and thought the pastor ought to come up this year, especially as Christmas would be on Sunday and it was his preaching day up there anyhow.

The pastor went—part of the way on snow shoes. At sunset Gringer's Peak, with its forests all covered with snow, looked like shining brass, glorious in beaten work of pomegranate flowers and wings of cherubim, holy and beautiful. The peaks around it were all in purple shadow; he was struggling upward through the shadows as he gazed.

The splendor had vanished when he reached "the Bar." A group of men stood before the door waiting for him in the crisp, sweet dusk. They seemed happy as big boys, shaking his hand with grips that hurt.

"It's inside—in the dining-room," they announced, "No other room would hold the folks. Gringer has shut up the bar, so it's all right. Why—they're comin' down from Queen Jezebel, and away out at Gold Forks, and 'course, from Lone Gulch. And you'd ought to see that tree! But you go right in—Mis' Gringer's got supper waitin' in the kitchen."

All the evergreen trees in that country are called "Christmas trees," summer and winter. They are known by no other name, in every-day

Farmer Fredricks:
"Well, there she is, all
safe and sound; wonder
if I got what I
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speech. And in the country of Christmas trees, Bill Jackson with his trusty followers had climbed to a difficult shoulder of the high hills and brought down the most glorious green creature that could be captured and carried with its savage beauty inside of four walls.

It stood there, peerless, sending its tonic fragrance through every cranny of the old tavern. The bar was closed, sure enough, and it had a calico curtain of subdued color hung wholesomely in front of it. The benches used for Sunday meeting had been brought over and ranged in the big diningroom. The tree stood at the opposite end, screened from premature observation by an immense tent-cloth.

won't skeer at Abe. There'll be something fine for everyone, men folks and all."

The pastor's brief prayer won the buzzing room into stillness. Then "Joy Bells" brought the tears to the men's eyes. They cleared their throats and tried to smile it off. The tree was indeed glorious, with its golden lights, its motley gifts. Santa Claus ambled in with a torrent of sleigh-bell music, behind a real deer (Mrs. Gringer's pet). He unloaded a hundred bags of candy, then began his task of stripping the tree. The place fairly shook with a roar of talk and laughter. It went on and on, till at last a whisper began, "Where's the preacher's present? Say—they haven't left him out, have they?"

view of the multitude a tiny parcel was disengaged and handed to him. It was of cylindrical form, carefully wrapped in a succession of papers, the last one bearing an inscription which he read in a loud perfunctory tone, entirely unsuggestive of rhetorical pauses or punctuation:

"A happy Christmas to the preacher from a few friends respectfully wishin' him long life and prosperity and the blessin' of God Almighty forever amen. Bill Jackson, Andy Bunce, Jerry Wilson—" and so on, through a list of nine names. Then he handed it to the rosiest little girl to give to the pastor: simply a small bottle—but it was filled with gold dust and its stopper was a splendid nugget, and altogether it was worth six hundred dollars.

"That's the way we do things on our side of the Peak!" whispered Bill as he took his seat next to Jim Rhodes, and wiped his moist brow. To his amazement Jim arose, gasping with excitement, but struggling to speak with becoming dignity. "Ladies and gentlemen, the pastor's gifts are not all distributed," he announced with an impressive wave of his long arms. "The ladies will now bring in the remainder.

Necks were craned. Short people stood on tiptoe. The children were uplifted in their mothers' laps. Then the door opened, two or three motherly women filed in, beaming. The pastor dizzily saw Mrs. Gringer coming last, leading—oh, could he be dreaming?—a little girl in a warm scarlet frock, with a mist of golden curls and brown, brown eyes turned like stars upon him—a little girl devotedly shouldering a great Christmas doll, and who flew that minute into his arms, doll and all,

and was clasped there, while the crowd fell to weeping, until some good soul tactfully started "Joy Bells," and then they raised the roof.

"That's the way we do things on our side the Peak," blandly explained Jim to Bill. "You see the mine superintendent was a-going east anyway, an' we got him to go and fix it up with het aunt (it was mighty easy to do), and we jest had the parson's little girl brought back and smuggled up here for Christmas. We reckon the money he gits is his money and he can do what he blame pleases with it. There'll be enough to go 'round after this."

And Jim further explained to a group of admiring listeners, "You folks'll all like to know, mebbly, over at Lone Gulch, we've made up a little purse ourselves, and it's the pastor's little girl's back salary. There's more to come."

Whereupon others with an odd expression of indulgent forbearance hushed them with a warning, "Come off! What is proper to do is to wait!"

But gift after gift came down, distributed by blushing, tiptoeing little girls, until at last there seemed nothing—nothing! Only tattered strings of popcorn caught in the tree, only a torn paper star here and there, only the failing lights. The pastor looked on, smiling, enjoying. A strange silence fell. Then Bill Jackson stood up and cleared his throat portentously. "Folks!" he said, "If Sandy Claus will look as sharp as he'd do if he was a-lookin' for a present of his own, he'll find something more, tied to a twig under the big star at the tip-top. Git a taller ladder, some o' you fellers."

Bill was nothing if not dramatic. The ladder was brought, and in full



PLEASE IMAGINE THE REMAINDER OF 800 ACRES OF ONIONS. (See Article on Page Five.)

A splendid hot supper was waiting for Mr. Dane. Mrs. Gringer served it in a state of triumphant exaltation bordering on frenzy and quite inexplicable even in view of these supreme festivities. Really there was scarcely time for the hungry man to do justice to that supper, so promptly had the crowd gathered.

"We want you to begin with prayer," said Mrs. Gringer, breathlessly aside. "After the prayer, the children will sing 'Joy Bells.' We've been a practicin' 'em all the week, an' it just lifts you right up to hear 'em. Our Abe's to be Santa Claus. He walked clear down to Yreka to git the bells for his outfit. Bill Jackson went down and brought up two pack-loads of things for the tree an' us women made considerable. It's all dressed, and looks splendid. There ain't never been anything like it on the Peak. I hope the children



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Through Fields and Woodlands

BY N. HUDSON MOORE



THE GLORY OF A SOUTHERN SPRING.



IMAGINE a pale blue sky with a moon still showing silvery, though from the horizon are floating up in every direction long wavering clouds of pink and orange. As your eye is taking in the wealth of color which grows stronger every moment, there come drifting into sight huge birds that wheel, soar, and then swoop downward without

an apparent wing-beat, exhibiting the very poetry of motion, without a single exertion. Such is dawn in South Carolina, when Spring and Summer meet, and vie with each other as to which shall be victorious.

We say advisedly when Spring and Summer meet, for the curious freaks taken by Flora at Charleston and its neighborhood are quite astounding, to one who is accustomed to the methodical progression of plants and flowers, as seen say, in the northern part of New York state. Here we are then, in what is really the most unpleasant month of the whole twelve at the North, March, in a temperature of eighty, sitting in the open air and revelling in the beauty of the flowers, and quite bewildered by the songs of the birds. The trees are pines, tall, slender mastlike ones with a cone of green branches at the top filled with cones. These trees do not look bare for hanging from the limbs are festoons of gray Spanish moss, waving with every breeze that blows, and making a curtain of softness to hide every awkward angle. Then many of the tree-trunks are further adorned by the English ivy clambering up to the very top of the trunk and making a sheath of glossy green leaves. Even more beautiful is the wistaria which grows with unexampled luxuriance, and hangs its wealth of purple blossoms fifty or sixty feet in air, reaching from one tree to another, filling the air with sweetness. At your feet are the violets, deep large purple ones, single in variety, and divinely sweet, and for five cents you may buy a handful from a picturesque ragged little pickaninny who shows a row of sparkling white teeth, if you add a



BLUEBIRD.

shutter. The problem of light and air must be serious both in summer and winter.

So far we have named but the wistaria, violets, and peach trees as being in full blossom. In addition we can pluck fleur-de-lis, white roses, calendula, pansies, many varieties of spiraea, yellow jessamine which clammers high in the trees or tumbles along the roadside, even glorifying the sides of the railroad track. In some of the old fashioned gardens camelias are blossoming, red, pink, white, white spotted with pink, each one set among its glossy green leaves, in a slightly prim, but enchanting fashion. Azalias of every color and white are in nearly all the gardens, even some of the humblest, while among the pine woods, are blooming the wild azalea, or swamp pink, dogwood, blackberry vines, wild cherry and bloodroot, making a medley that is quite bewil-



BLUE JAY.

dering. If the flowers are so alluring how can one speak of the birds! The buzzards are the ones that float high in air, from dawn till dewy eve. You never can raise your eyes that there will not be half a dozen or more circling in slowly enlarging sweeps, motionless as to wing. In the live oaks which fill the lower distance in distinction to the tall pines, are many warblers, the largest number being the lovely parula warblers which we see so rarely on their migrations, in Rochester, and which are so peculiarly gay. The throat and breast seem to glow with the gold of the buttercup, their backs are cerulean blue, and the bronze patch between the shoulders seemed nearly a red. Think of the richness of seeing a male cardinal bird in his coat of flame sitting at his ease on a wire fence, and not six feet away, a bluebird, both of them singing, and fairly shining with their brilliant color in the warm sun. The mocking birds are in every grove, whistling and singing, and making day, and far into the night, rich with melody. An interesting stranger is the Florida blue jay. He has quite different characteristics from our Northern jay, is not in the least shy, does not betake himself to the woods on the least provocation, but on the other hand comes half way to meet you. He sits at his ease on post or rail, and shouts "Jay," but with not half the insolence of his Northern cousin. The white on his tail is less marked, and he is somewhat smaller, and his fondness for live oaks is a striking peculiarity. The female cardinal bird is quite a pretty singer

on her own account, and with her charming personality is a bird one will not soon forget.

Another favorite is the ruby-crowned kinglet that hangs head down with as much pleasure as he does in the North. He seems even more of an acrobat than with us, for he swings from a hanging wisp of the gray moss till you have vertigo merely watching him. The bunches of mistletoe, which are on so many of the trees, afford a meal to many of the little birds, and are annoying to the observer because the close set green leaves afford a quite impenetrable screen. The chipping sparrow is very busy and noisy; we have not seen a robin. The ever present English sparrow is very much at home among the buds and flowers, and somewhat less noisy than he is with us. The purple martins make themselves quite at home in the gourds which have a hole cut in one side and are then hung on a pole. In a good wind one would think the young birds would become seasick for there is incessant motion as the gourd is tied by a string to its pole. Sometimes there are as many as eight gourds on one pole, suspended from cross bars, so there must be an abundance of company in all weathers.

We must not forget to mention the ever present crow. He is here in numbers, and is not the American crow so familiar to us at the North, but the Fish crow, smaller in size, and if you can catch a good sight of him on the ground, more brilliantly iridescent in plumage. The easiest way to distinguish him is by his bad voice. He is very proud of his vocal accomplishments and keeps at it all the time. He does not say "caw" but "car" quite with a nasal twang as if he had a cold in his head. The most familiar singer we have heard is the veery, which trills out his high ethereal "whe-o" from the pine woods at the roadside, like a veritable wood angel as he is. In North Carolina we were surprised to see meadow larks in flocks of fifty or sixty, for we know them generally in pairs, and seldom more at the best than half a dozen together.

In one of the recent magazines there has been a plea, that the every day workers put less strenuous effort into their lives. Work they must, but why not take a little more joy in living? In a land of birds and flowers such as this, one can easily joy in every moment; it is almost enough pleasure to be able to see, and hear and smell. Everything goes slowly, there seems to be no haste, and for the natives, our colored brethren, at least, the mere fact of being alive seems a good thing, even if food is none too plenty, and clothes and shelter quite a minor consideration. If Aunt Mandy has to do anything with the least degree of a hurry she's "worn to a frazzle" right away, and it is best to let her proceed in her own unruffled way. There seems to be more time, more life, more fulness here than the colder more chary North where favors are dealt out with less prodigality.

To take more pleasure in out-of-doors, more delight in the birds and sunshine, and more contact with the earth and the beauties with which nature clothes it, is an important matter to all of us, if it makes life more endurable and more worth while.



YELLOW JESSAMINE.



THE MOTHER'S MEETING

By Victoria Wellman

"God could not be everywhere—so He made Mothers."

Note:—Letters requesting private reply should be addressed in care of Vick Publishing Co., 62 State St., Rochester, N. Y., and inclose stamp.

Heartsease.

I have nothing to send you, dearest,
On the day you make so sweet;
But if I could I would gather
Roses to strew at your feet;
Lilies to light your chamber,
When the gloaming gathers in,
And to sing you a song of their glory,
Who neither toil nor spin.

The best I can bring you, dearest,
Is the herb they call heartsease;
For you live with the few and the precious
Who seek not self to please;
But ever who live for others,
And ever who make us give
Thanks to the Father in Heaven,
That with us He lets them live.

To take each hour as He sends it,
To count no moment lost;
To live in the light of the sunbeams
Never to think of the cost—
This is to find a blessing,
As the soul beholds the Christ,
And never loses the heartsease
She gathers with Him at tryst.

Margaret Sangster.

Busy Mothers.

May seems the ideal month of the year—at least to the writer. It brings its own cares, and as "accidents will happen" there are often to be met the accumulated cares of past months which some upheaval such as

YOU MUST GET THE BOOK

You who are sick and are waiting—you must get my book.

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a long and costly illness or troubles scarcely endured have produced. Every family is liable to setbacks financial or otherwise; but it seldom pays in the end if overwork is resorted to as a means to "catch up."

Some mothers insist on home seamstress work, and when accumulated heaps of winter stuffs greet her eye late in season and she sees Johnnie's pants getting frayed and Jennie's dress torn, and the three-year-old's aprons in slits, her self-control deserts her if she reflects how "those fine old pants up attic would make splendid school trousers cut down for Johnnie; how her old gray dress is of good fine wool and dyed and made over, a lovely dress could be made for Jennie, etc., *ad infinitum*, and too likely she sits up nights till three a. m., darning all the old heelless hose she had neglected while baby was ill, and sewing is added to semi-annual housecleaning by day, until the back aches, the feet drag, eyes look dim and hollow and, though a warm hearted little woman, her nerves grow on edge until a rainy day's seclusion with the noisy children sets her nearly hysterical. At night time her good sense returns and she endures new torments for conscience reminds her: "You were cross, snappy to Jennie because she talked while you tucked her dress guimpes." She steals in and kisses Jennie's sleeping eyes with a sigh; she prays, even weeps, and retires exhausted. Next day is the same.

Now is she wicked? No—it is sad; unhappy is the home where mother's spirits are so crushed that she is not a natural leader as God intended, a loving ruler, but only a devoted drudge. Wicked is she—only after learning what causes this condition, she does not, will not, lessen those labors in all possible ways, take time for a hot foot soak, for brushing out her hair (a soothing operation) or retiring for a fifteen minutes "lazy cure" on nearest couch or bed, just lying still and resting, and as much as she can of out doors air. Ignorance and the aptitude of women to run in deep ruts, perhaps the actual need of a stronger spirit to assure them that such lazy ways are good life insurances, or open her eyes to see her sunniness (or gloominess) again reflected, renewed in her young audience of imitators, are the common causes of this condition.

Let it go—a hundred years from now no one will know. Pack them away and sew instead on coming

needs, the summer's wardrobes. If you can possibly find some poor woman who sews for a mere living in any nearby city, and such can be at times heard of through Y. W. C. A., and W. C. T. U. and other philanthropies, or by some advertisement in city daily, offer her good homelike board and keep for such help as will leave multitudes of buttons, patches, underwear, etc., seen to, and when fall draws near you will be rested and find more comfort in contriving economical wonderous transformations out of adult and cast aside garments. A weary woman cannot save time, she is slow naturally and nervous because she is disobeying health rules in an effort to save. In time she will find home slaves (save where the purse causes a mutual family sacrifice) are not respected and loved as much as home queens. The necessary labors of life are all one woman can endure. Let her drop the frills and fancies which flatter pride but steal comfort. "Man is the head and woman the heart of the home."

Young Mothers.

In order to show the mothers what solid help is found in some of the manuals and books I have mentioned to you, I propose to quote at random from the pages of Tokology, on the diet question, and hope to do the same in June from dear Dr. Wood Allen's books and later on from other authorities, on various lines giving such extracts as experience and thought cause me to trust will most help you. This is the "first beginnings" of the proposed Heartsease Travelling Library.

"With tears streaming from her eyes she recounted her story; she said: 'I am so glad to know that this is not the result of chance—that it is truth and a philosophy by which all may profit.'"

Mrs. C is a true woman. She told me she was willing her name and experience should be used for the benefit of others and handed me this testimony: "This is to certify that I know what Dr. Stockham teaches in regard to "Fruit Diet" is true. When pregnant with my last child I accidentally lived upon rice and fruit, and my child was born with comparatively no pain or sensible effort; could not get a physician in time nor did I need one. In four previous deliveries I had physicians with me for over twenty-four hours and had prolonged, severe labors. I can account for the difference only through the fruit and rice diet. Mrs. L. T. C., Kansas."

A motto for expectant mothers "Feast on Fruits Freely" which, as Tokology explains, reduces inflammatory tendencies, is a good rule. My own testimony is that no one need fear to fully adopt the rules of a book called by some "A Woman's Bible;" and I owe a glorious victory to Tokology's teachings. A table of suggested

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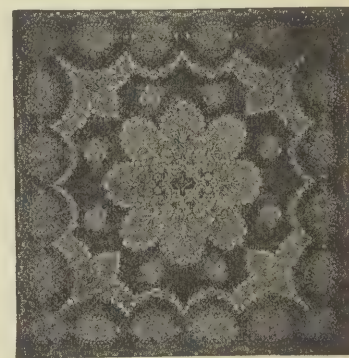
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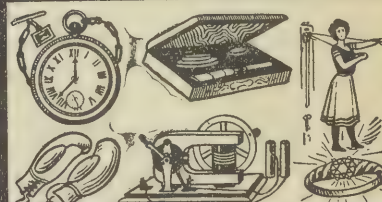
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The Building of the Nest.

They'll come again to the apple tree—
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When the orchard branches are fair to see,
In the snow of the blossoms dressed,
And the prettiest thing in the world will be
The building of the nest.

Weaving it well, so round and trim,
Hollowing it with care,
Nothing too far away for him,
Nothing for her too fair;
Hanging it safe on the topmost limb—
Their castle in the air.

Ah, motherbird, you'll have weary days
When the eggs are under your breast,
And your mate will fear for willful ways,
When the wee ones leave the nest.

But they'll find their wings in a glad amaze,
And God will see to the rest.

Margaret Sangster.

Birthday Rhyme for May.

Who first beholds the light of day
In Spring's sweet flowery month of May,
And wears an Emerald all her life,
Shall be a loved and happy wife.

Note:—Aunt Stella proudly acknowledges the above poem as one of the "scraps" sent by dear little Harriet Smith, whose industrious efforts resulted in such a collection that one scrap book of mine shall be made entirely from her offerings.

The Bear and the Boy.

About two hundred years ago a rich and powerful nobleman named Leopold was Duke of the province of Lorraine. The Duke was very fond of animals and among his savage pets

was a great bear named Marco. This bear was housed in a rough hut in a corner of his royal master's park. He was supplied with the best of food by the keeper of the animals, and on state occasions he was led out by a big iron chain and made to dance for the amusement of Duke Leopold's friends.

Marco was fierce and when he swung his shaggy head out of the door of his hut and showed his white teeth in an ugly snarl no one dared to go near him, for one blow of his paw would have knocked a man senseless and those white teeth of his were very sharp.

One cold winter night Marco, having swallowed his supper in a few gulps shambled back to the farthest corner of his hut and curled himself up to sleep. He was just at the "falling off" point when he heard a sound at his house door. He started up and what should he see but a small boy, hopping first on one foot and then on the other, shivering with cold. The poor child was homeless, had lost his way in the Duke's forest and had run into the bear's hut for shelter. Marco did not know who this new comer might be but he was so surprised that he forgot to growl! Then a strange thing happened—so strange that if this were not a true story I should not ask you to believe it! The boy ran over to Marco and peered into his shaggy face, crying in glee: "Why you are the Duke's funny bear that I saw dancing the other day! Won't you be my friend? I need one so much!" The bear, Marco, did not understand what the boy said but he understood the kind hand that stroked his head. That hand meant "I love you" and Marco had never been loved in all his rough bearish life—at least not since the days before he had been caught in the deep forest, a frightened baby screaming for his mother. So now a great answering love filled his heart. He allowed the little lad to lie down beside him, warmed by his furry coat; thus together they slept through the night. In the morning the boy went away but came back to his new friend in the evening. This happened for several days. Marco shared his food with his visitor and they became great cronies.

One day the keeper was surprised to see that Marco left his supper untouched; so, instead of hurrying away to feed the other animals he stayed to watch the bear, who sat in the door patiently waiting for his boy. The keeper offered to take away the food but he received such a fierce look that he set it down again and hid behind a tree to see what would happen next. In a moment, to his horror a child ran up to the bear and when the keeper

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Feb. 14, 1903.

"MY DEAR MRS. CORWIN:

"I have been thinking for a long time that I ought to write you of the great good I derived from your NERVE-FORCE, that you might use my statement in a manner to convince others of its wonderful power where all else fails. I was very ill last spring, and a friend called my attention to one of your advertisements in a magazine. It seemed to me 'just the thing'—as I am very much opposed to swallowing drugs. I sent for your Publication, and immediately ordered the NERVE-FORCE, with the happy result that I was made well and have so remained ever since. I know very well that I could not have recovered without your grand Remedy, and, loath as I am to make public my necessities and sufferings, I cannot rest with the conviction firm in my mind that my duty lies in the direction of making known my happy experience. I am convinced it would be doing wrong not to speak out in emphatic terms for the simple Home Remedy that saved me for future work in this field, where we find so much to do. My wish is that many may be blessed through my testimonial, and that you and yours may be made happy by seeing countless thousands restored to health by the power of your Remedy, NERVE-FORCE, and the kind, unflinching, personal attention you give so heartily and willingly to each sufferer.

"Fraternally yours,

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Feb. 16, 1902.

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"My legs, which were very much wasted, began to increase in size; my appetite became normal. I gained eighteen pounds, and I felt a new man. I continued another month's treatment, and now feel as well as ever I did in my life. Through it all I had Mr. and Mrs. Corwin's kind attention and encouragement.

"I will be very glad to write or meet sufferers, and I sincerely hope this may meet the eye of some one afflicted with the dread disease, I remain,

Very gratefully yours,
"JAMES MARR."

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MR. and MRS. GEO. A. CORWIN, 721. 12th Ward Bank Building (E. 125th St.) New York City.

"MR. AND MRS. CORWIN: Feb. 20.
"DEAR FRIENDS: Will you allow me to add a few words to Mr. Marr's testimonial? I have thought much upon the matter since he sent you his recommendation, and I am convinced that the Testimonial would appeal more to mothers and wives to have my name connected with the matter. It is really women who suffer most in this world, both from seeing loved ones in pain and declining prematurely, as in bearing their own physical ills. You and yours being ever so well and strong, it doubtless will be impossible for you to appreciate the depths of my gratitude to you and your wonderful NERVE-FORCE for the restoration of my husband. I wish every sick man and woman, and every father or mother who has a sick child, could know, as we do, the wonderful work you are doing. It has been our keen delight to recommend your faithful remedy in several instances where we have had the privilege of watching its work. We have seen it make the helpless walk, and those fairly dying of premature decay brought back to a deep interest in life. If there is ever any way that we can serve you, please let us know, and to act for you as Representatives is really our ambition, if you deem us worthy and capable. At any rate, you can always depend upon our gratitude bearing the fruits of our hearty recommendation, both of NERVE-FORCE and of your kind treatment of those who, in extremity, appeal to you. No one can appreciate more than ourselves the personal effort you have made in Mr. Marr's case, by your prompt and comprehensive correspondence.

"Very sincerely yours,
"MRS. JAMES MARR."

BOSTON, MASS.

"DEAR MRS. CORWIN:

"I am very glad to write you a word relative to my experience with NERVE-FORCE. After four or five years of gradual breaking down, I collapsed utterly two years ago. One of Boston's best Nerve Specialists put me into the Hospital for the 'Rest Cure.' While there, for nearly a month I did not once leave my bed, and was not allowed to see my friends, to read, write, or even to cut up my food. I left the Hospital worse than when I entered it. I then went into a physician's private home that I might have special care and attention. There I grew steadily worse, and was taken to a Sanitarium. There I stayed two months, having while there static electricity and massage twice a day. From there I went into the home of a Mental Scientist, and finally returned home, still in an extreme nervous condition and discouraged to the last degree.

"Previous to this my friends had sent you my name and you sent me your NERVE-FORCE Sheet, which I instantly destroyed without reading. Later a Magazine advertisement of yours attracted my attention, and I wrote you, receiving, to my surprise, the same little sheet which I had before destroyed. I then began to correspond with you and began to use your Remedy with very little faith. What attracted me most at the beginning was your 'sisterly' letters and apparent personal interest.

"At the end of a month I did not see much improvement in my condition, but I determined to give the Remedy a faithful test, and it was not long before it was evident beyond a doubt that I was gaining steadily. Then it seemed as if everything began to fall into line. One of the most gratifying results was my ability to sleep; before, I had often lain sleepless the whole night through. In every way I began to feel like my old self again, and my friends now call me a NERVE-FORCE enthusiast, and with reason. Many of these friends, as you know, were so convinced of the Remedy's merits that they have also taken the treatment with the same gratifying results.

"I have stated these few facts very briefly. If I entered into details it would be longer than you would care to read. It would contain a little of all the 'Sciences'—Osteopathy, and even Hypnotism—but I will be very glad to correspond with or talk with any one calling on me who would like a further word.

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EDITORIAL.

I love the magazine dearly.—Mrs. S. D., Lansing, Mich.

The question of who is going to furnish domestic service is a topic of absorbing interest in many households now, and appearances indicate that the culminating point has not yet been reached. Many women who would gladly pay good wages for competent help are not able to obtain it, and, as a consequence, are doing their own work. This is a tax on health and strength which many cannot endure without hardship, and such are anxiously looking for a solution of the problem. Occasionally one sees advertisements of men asking for positions to do housework. Perhaps in that way the question will be solved. Some genius has suggested that the using of paper dishes, which could be burned after using, would greatly lessen the amount of work to be done in the kitchen. Another woman suggests that the invention of paper underwear, stockings, etc., if they could be manufactured so cheaply that they could be thrown away after using, would greatly reduce household labor. The world moves, and no doubt many labor-saving appliances will sooner or later help the domestic problem.

We are all so glad to welcome the coming of the Family Magazine, and think it the finest of its kind. With best wishes for your continued success.—Mrs. H. B. S., Nora Springs, Iowa.

We are sometimes inclined to smile at the paragraphs on "Jeffersonian simplicity," but, there is no doubt that the extravagance of the age in filling houses with useless furniture and excess of bric-a-brac renders the life of the housekeeper more of a burden, and often draws heavily on the financial resources of the family. I am frequently reminded of a story my mother used to tell. Uncle John's daughter had married a good man, but, somehow, they did not prosper. On his return from a visit to his daughter, Uncle John said, "well, I never could account for Edward's not succeeding better, but now I know the reason: Emma has three curtains to her window." This, in an age when only one curtain to a window was considered necessary and two were an almost unparalleled extravagance, was a sufficient reason to Uncle John why Edward did not prosper. Truly, don't we have altogether too many curtains and cushions, tidies and fancy work of all kinds? Wouldn't a greater simplicity in furnishing our rooms be far more elegant, not to say more comfortable, work-saving and hygienic? And wouldn't the father of the family be able to save more for the proverbial "rainy day" which is quite apt to come, sometimes during his lifetime, quite frequently after his death. In short, do not most families have too many curtains?

Your magazine has been a source of great pleasure and entertainment, and I do not want you at any time to stop it because of non-payments. Wishing you the success that your merit deserves.—E. A. J., Western Springs, Ill.

New fruits and vegetables are all the time being created by experts. One of the latest is from a cross between the Tangerine orange and the pomelo, or grape fruit, and is the result of the efforts of Dr. H. J. Webber, of the United States Department of Agriculture. Luther Burbank, of California, who has originated so many valuable fruits, has announced the production of a new berry, a cross between the raspberry and the strawberry, and said to be very delicious. Improvements in existing varieties are also being made. A seedless grape has been produced in California and seedless apples and watermelons are promised. By grafting, potato plants have been made to produce tomatoes above ground and their own tubers below. Truly there are new things under the sun, and experimentation is producing wonderful results.

I am so pleased with your magazine I send \$1.00 in payment for a three years' subscription for myself, and I wish two of my boys to have the pleasure of reading it. I will enclose \$1.00 apiece for them.—Mrs. F. P. B., Marietta, Ohio.

To many it may seem that the flowers which grow in the woods and fields and along the highways are so plentiful that there is no danger of their being exterminated. To the casual observer they seem to grow in such abundance that extermination would not be possible. But botanists and observing lovers of flowers have long been aware that many species of plants which were formerly plentiful are becoming rare, and some are already extinct in the vicinity of our cities. There is no doubt that if something is not done to protect them, it is only a question of time when many of the flowers which tend to make a walk in the country so delightful, will be utterly destroyed and "live but in the tales of other times." If one stops to consider the matter, it is very apparent that the greatest pleasure derived from our wild flowers is that experienced when seeing them growing in their native environment. Most of them soon lose their beauty when gathered, even withering before one gets them home. Often they are thoughtlessly plucked, and as thoughtlessly tossed away. The public in general needs education on this line; they must be taught that if they "love the wild rose," they will "leave it on its stalk." Of course there are some flowers which are still so plentiful that one can venture to gather a few, but discretion should always be used. If a perennial, care should be exercised not to pull the plant up by the roots when picking the blossoms, and of annuals some should always be left for seed.

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The Prize Contest.

We regret that we are not able to give a complete report on the prize contest in this issue as we desired. We have completed the review of Mss. in all but two divisions and announce them on page twenty-one. We will complete the reading of the stories soon and will announce the prizes in our June issue.

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FRUIT NOTES

By Prof. H. E. VanDeman.

THE NEW PEACH DISEASE.

There seems to be no end to the troubles that beset the fruit grower, and one of those that has lately taken hold of the peach trees is known by the rather strange name "Little Peach." It has doubtless been gradually spreading for a good many years, but has only attracted attention within the last two or more years, and in the western part of Michigan, principally.

The principal symptom is the stoppage or failure of the fruit in its growth in the early part of the summer; and when this once takes place there is almost no further development. These little peaches are scattered over the tree, and often on the same branches with those of normal size. It does not seem to occur or take effect equally on all varieties nor to be worse on feeble than on thrifty trees. However, there are other causes for the fruit not developing properly, such as poor soil or lack of tillage, and it is often difficult or impossible to detect the true Little Peach disease from such troubles. In all of them the fruit is more fuzzy than is normal and under sized, but where there are peaches of both normal and abnormal sizes it is wise to watch for further ailment.

There is the gradual turning of the leaves to a bronzy color and a slight curling. Gradually the tree dwindles, in spite of manuring and the best of treatment and finally dies. All ages and sizes of trees are affected and the spread is very rapid. The disease breaks out very suddenly, and often in orchards where there is no evident means of infection.

The true cause is yet a mystery. Some think it is the effect of a fungus on the roots while other scientific experts say that this is a mistake and that it is safe to plant new trees where others have died from the disease.

As to remedy there seems to be none but the axe. This often takes the whole or greater part of the orchard. There should be no dallying. It may be that something more may be learned of the cause and cure, for several experts are working to this end, but it may result as with the other dread peach disease, the yellows.

A CLIMBING CURRANT.

A correspondent asks if it is true that there is such a thing as a Climbing Currant. Such is reported to be in existence, and as it seems rather unreasonable he, and perhaps many others, would like to know the facts.

There is really a currant that has such long, slender branches that it may be a climber. It has no tendrils or other means of fastening itself to any support, but the branches may be trained and tied to a trellis, building, fence, or anything else that will hold them up. I have seen them more than ten feet long. For a small place, as in a town or city lot, this would be very nice. The variety is a good one, being hardy, productive and most remarkable in its habit of bearing over a very long period. I saw the fruit on exhibition from the common currant season until October at the Pan American Exposition. The fruit is large in both cluster and berry. The original plant came up as a seedling in Chautauqua county, N. Y. and bears the name Chautauqua.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MAY.

Now that the early blooming fruits have set, there should be no lack of any attention that is needed to cause them to grow rapidly. A fruit that lives a starved, stunted existence cannot be as good as if it had grown well. It cannot be juicy and of delicate flavor, if the trees or vines are not supplied with abundant plant food. They must also have a good supply of water to dissolve that food. The free use of the cultivator and other implements for pulverizing the surface of the soil will do much to keep the moisture in the soil and make the fertility there available. Now is the time to begin this work, if it has not already been started.

If any grafting has been done, the sprouts that start from the stump near where scions were set, must be kept from growing. Rubbing them off frequently is just as important as to set the grafts. I have seen this matter neglected very often, and the results have always been bad. The sprouts rob the scions of much of the sap and sunlight that they should have, which causes them either to make feeble growth or to die. These robber sprouts should not be allowed to grow more than a very few inches long before they are rubbed off. It is quickly and easily done if taken in time, and the saving of the strength of the stocks for the scions is considerable. It is usually necessary to

look them over every ten days or two weeks, from the time the sprouts start until the season is so far advanced they stop coming out.

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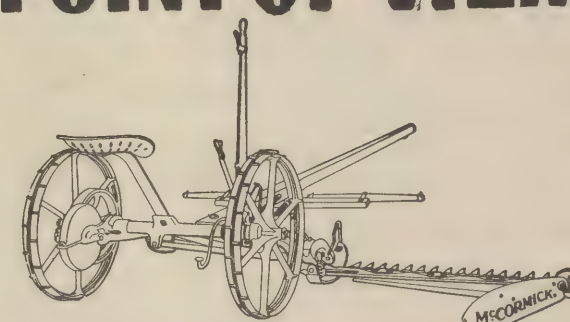
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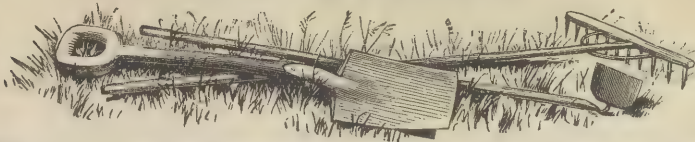
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In the Garden



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Work for the May Days.

To reach our readers in time we must needs take an early train; or rather, anticipate to some extent, and say what we ought to be doing in May. If the said May shall prove as frisky and unreliable in her dealings with us as early April is proving, it will be unfortunate for the garden work. If it becomes necessary to change our time schedule and postpone some of our engagements until the frogs croak a little more freely, we must make the best of it, and work the more expeditiously when May decides to become a little more gracious.

It seems a little out of season to be shoveling three or four inches of ice and snow from the side walks, just as the lilacs are bursting into leaf and putting on their summer garb. But we have the promise of seed time and harvest, so let us cheerfully take up the duties as they come, for "God minds the weather and knows what is best."

If the Vick family roll were called today, I wonder how many of its members, fully determined on a thoroughly active garden campaign, would respond? A large number I hope, and some would, I am sure, for correspondence comes to me that indicates deep interest in the work. Below will be found some letters in part, at least, for the questions involved may be occurring to others as well. It may be, that many of our readers are puzzling over some problems that might easily be made clear, if they were sent to us and definitely stated. Once we know what our readers desire to learn about, we can talk much more easily. Questions like the following come to us and we are very glad to answer them so far as we are able.

G. A. L., New Haven, Conn.—Being a subscriber to Vick's Magazine I take the liberty of asking for advice as to what I might grow on the shady side of a six-foot board fence? My house faces the east with this division fence on the south side of the lot. So that except for a short time in the early forenoon there is no sun on this strip next to the fence. Is there anything in the vegetable or fruit line that could be made to grow there?

First we reply that writing was taking no undue liberty whatever, as that is just what we are urging our friends to do. In a personal letter we asked Mr. L. what kind of neighbors lived on the farther side of the fence. This of course was not to be inquisitive, but merely to learn if by

mutual consent that high shady fence might not be replaced by an open wire fence of an ornamental design, and thus add value to his own lot? If mutually agreeable this, of course, would be advantageous to both. We once had a neighbor though, and a very, very high board fence would have been almost invaluable. But this is digressing. Unfortunately, for this, case most vegetables are great lovers of, and thrive best in, the sun. We believe however that blackberries or raspberries will do very well there. Black raspberries seem to take very kindly to the shade; and I have grown red ones where the shade was quite dense. Were it my own case, and the fence had to stay, I would plant out berries the entire length of the strip, any or all of the varieties. They will be later in ripening, doubtless, but if the soil is well fertilized I believe that nice fruit can be grown.

Mrs. M. A. M., Nebraska City, Neb.—Can you assist me through Vick's Magazine to cultivate a lot 114x48 feet as fruit and vegetable garden? I am a widow, with one boy ten years of age to assist me; and want to know if I can raise enough fruit and vegetables, (potatoes excepted), to supply a family of three the year around? The list of vegetables we need with some thought of a few for the poultry, is cabbage, lettuce, cucumbers, onions, beets, carrots, peas, wax beans, tomatoes, radishes, asparagus, rhubarb and Hubbard squash.

I am interested in that boy, and earnestly wish that every boy and girl too, had either a flower or vegetable garden in which to grow and develop. It would be worth millions more than all the manual training schools ever devised. But I am after encouraging that boy, and the widowed mother as well, and by personal letter have sent as full directions as my present knowledge of the surroundings warranted. By the diagram sent me, I understand that rhubarb, asparagus, currants, gooseberries, peaches and plums are already there in sufficient quantities, and that a portion of the ground is shaded by peach trees. Potatoes have previously been grown in this shade, and I advised growing them there still, provided they had succeeded in other years; but also advised planting red and black raspberries this year which would not interfere with potatoes for the present season. The cabbage ground if made very rich, will grow both the early and late crop by planting the latter between the rows of the former, as the early ones will nearly all be out of the way

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before the late ones would fully occupy the ground. Lettuce, radishes, and even beans can be grown in the early cabbage early in the season. Late cabbages can also be planted on the pea ground, or by leaving that vacant for a few weeks during the hottest weather of midsummer, late peas may be grown in abundance. The early varieties planted in middle or late August will yield a nice crop for the autumn. The onions and vine crops will require permanent places all the season, but the ground between the cucumber and squash hills will grow quantities of beans or other quick-growing crops. These vine crops can also be considerably confined as to space, and not allowed to overrun so much ground as they usually do. Pinch back the tips of the vines after they have wandered a reasonable distance, and it will be all the better for the crop. Fortunately, the tomatoes can be grown in all sorts of places wherever a hill can find room. Single hill or groups of two, three or more plants may be grown here and there. Or if desirable to plant in a plot, then beans or early beets and carrots may be planted early and the tomatoes planted between whenever desired. Lettuce for the poultry may be grown in quantities on the shaded ground above referred to. The chickens will not be at all particular as to whether the lettuce heads up or not; but will devour it in either case. By keeping the ground well moistened, and sowing the lettuce in succession, a supply for nearly the entire season may be grown there in the shade, and later the cabbage leaves and imperfect heads will be greatly relished.

Intensive Gardening.

By this we mean to keep the ground busy all the time. Wherever a lusty weed will grow, a vegetable will also thrive. It is Nature's plan to keep the soil constantly busy. The soil is a willing servant, ever ready to do Nature's bidding; but it is not very particular as to the kind of work it does, and so will grow a useless crop of weeds just as willingly as a useful one. Then clearly, it is our mission to assist Nature by intensifying the good and restraining the wrong. If we plant the good seed and faithfully do our own part, Nature and the soil will do theirs and a bounteous harvest will result.

In this garden plot above referred to, there are great possibilities; and the more they are studied and the faster the work goes on, the more they will develop. The idea is, to watch every nook and corner and whenever a noxious weed shows its head above ground destroy it, and plant something useful there. Also wherever vegetables are matured and gathered, put something else in their places. That lot, if carefully tended, and one crop is made to succeed another in quick rotation, will keep a family of three very busy to consume what can be grown. Let others of our readers try the same plan and see if it is not true.

Stranger Than Fiction.

In studying over the report of the last census, I recently unearthed a truth that is certainly stranger than fiction.

The farmers of the United States are the possessors of broad acres and magnificent stretches of fertile soil fairly aching to yield up bounteous stores of garden vegetables wherewith to make glad the hearts of the farmers' wives and families. It would seem that they of all others might enjoy the luxuries of a kitchen garden the whole year through. Yet they do not, or at least, comparatively few of them do. Of the more than 7,000,000 of farmers in this country, but little more than half, or fifty-five per cent maintain a family garden. More than seven millions of wives three times a day have to rack their brains to feed their hungry lords and heirs; and but little more than half of them, have a home garden from which to eke out their supplies. It is little wonder that some of them grow weary, and long to live in the city where they could at least, buy a few vegetables now and then. Well there is an awful dearth of gardens in the cities and towns as well; and the dwellers there have little of which to boast. It is not at all strange as I write that a feeling of loneliness and disappointment steals over me as I realize how much ink I use to so little purpose. And this knowledge leads me to make known a few of

My Wants and Wishes.

I desire this to be the beginning of summers to the readers of Vick's, and the time when all who have not done so already, shall turn over a new leaf in their book of resolutions, and write their determinations in good black ink to go a gardening this very summer. Later on, near the close of the year, I want to have a round-up and roll call and learn if possible how strong our garden force really is, and what has been done. So let us don our working garb and get a timely start.

Waste Places.

I think this subject has been talked of before; but while it is old in a way, in another sense it is ever new. In my ramblings through city and country, almost unconsciously, my eyes seek out these places; and so many of them bob up before me that it sort o' fires me up to talk of them.

What can we do with them? Well here is what we did with one such spot. A few years ago, upon taking charge of a place, we found an old cellar conveniently near the street. It was not only convenient for the gaze of passers-by, but seemed to have been very useful as a receptacle for every imaginable thing. In wondering what was there, it was a still greater wonder, as to what was not there. In the deepest part of the cellar, a deeper pit was dug, and into it, was thrown everything that would not decay, and it was covered up. Wagon loads of old rubbish, as shrubbery and tree prunings, weeds and litter

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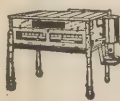
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These columns are open to our readers and we ask that they express their ideas freely on poultry keeping. We do not judge an article by its reputation of the writer, but by its merits. We like to hear from beginners, as well as those who have had long experience, also from those who have made mistakes and are willing to tell about them. Many times a knowledge of these mistakes which commonly occur with the beginner is of great benefit to others who are about to embark in this business. If you don't see what you want in this department, ask for it. It's free.

Seasonable Notes.

The delay which may have been caused by a late spring in some sections, in the commencement of the season's work, and the rush of work during the hatching season leaves much to be done now that is usually well finished by this time. The regular spring clean-up in the hen houses may have been over-looked or only partially completed, and if so it should now be carefully and thoroughly finished up, and the most vigorous methods employed to combat the broods of mites which are sure to come if not fought against. White wash gives the interior of the room a cool and inviting appearance and destroys the breeding places of these pests, and by using plenty of kerosene on the roosts and nest boxes, many of the ills of the heated season will be prevented.

Don't make the daily allowance of grain, either whole or ground, the same as in cold weather, for, if continued as in winter when the hens were denied of much green food, which they now get, they will surely become too fat to be profitable except for market.

Shade should be provided in some manner for the old stock. And for the chickens that are coming on, a little the nicest place is in a cornfield. This kind of a run is not to be had by every one, so we must do the next best thing which is to have a patch of sunflowers for them to run in.

Dry airy roosting apartments must be provided for the young stock as well as for the old. Ventilation is often looked after in a careless manner in hot weather, and this negligence is apt to result in sickly inmates. Buildings that are quite open are more desirable, however the fowls should not be exposed to draughts. In this open air, wind can be borne; it is definite draughts from one opening to another, cutting across the birds in confined space that causes the trouble, colds, roup, etc.

Remove everything that is movable, and if necessary tear down some fixtures that are stationary. Put a pound of sulphur in an iron kettle, place it in the center of the room and put a shovel full of hot coals into it, then close the house tight and do not open for two or three hours. Be sure there are no birds left inside. This will purify everything inside, but all filling for the nests should be removed, and a good coat of paint will do the boxes good. Some poultry men who are very thorough in this work, give the nest boxes a coat of hot coal tar, as well as the roosts. Now when you once have every thing clean and in order, keep it so. Make it a point to clean up and white wash every month, and the probabilities are that it will not be necessary to be so thorough in renovating again.

Poultry Keeping and Gardening—Feeding Oatmeal to Chicks.

A well-known vegetable grower in one of our nearby villages informs me that he grows twice as much on an acre as he did before he commenced to keep fowls and save the manure. He has about one hundred hens and two garden lots of an acre or more in each. One of these is devoted to raising garden truck, while the other is used as a run for the poultry, changing about each year. By taking care of the droppings, mixing them with soil so as to keep them in good shape, he is able to have a large quantity of excellent fertilizer for a very small cost. And by giving up the garden plot every alternate year he keeps the soil very fertile. Mr. Morse very aptly says, in February number of VICK'S, that "no enterprise with which I am acquainted joins on to the garden work more harmoniously and helpfully than does the poultry yard." To prove that this is true it only has to be tried by a person who is interested both in poultry keeping and gardening. Poultry and fruit culture go nicely and profitably together also. One helps the other and the owner virtually gets two crops from the same ground.

When one wishes to arrange so as to give up a garden plot to the hens every other year, I would suggest that the building be set on the south side and facing that direction, with the dividing line between the two plots of ground coming near the center of the building, so as to make it convenient to let them in either yard, or, if there is quite a large area of ground and several different flocks are to be

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Oat Meal for Small Chicks.

A correspondent writes, asking if oatmeal will kill little chicks, and saying it had been spoken of as bad for them. Chicks fed heavily on oatmeal alone, no doubt would be injured, but I think when fed judiciously no bad effects can come from its use. I prefer pin head oats, but have fed considerable of the meal with no bad results. In fact I know a good many who always feed oatmeal and bread crumbs for the first week or two. One party in particular whose success has been marked, uses this food exclusively for the first ten days. However, like every other food, it should be used in a sensible way, a little at a time. Too much oatmeal alone, then a lot of water drunk would be likely to injure the chicks. A variety is always better; feed often and in small quantities; a little oatmeal, bread crumbs, millet seed, fine cracked corn and wheat, granulated charcoal and small grit, is the proper feed for small chickens.

I heard a party say recently that they never lost any chickens that had "life or vitality enough to live." Now, this having vitality enough to live means a good deal. Chicks die with bowel trouble and other various ailments, which they perhaps, would not have if they were not lacking in vitality. Again, we say that disease always attacks those that are weakest, while the fact is a whole flock may have a disease, but only the weakest succumb. A chicken may have the gapes, but if it is a strong bird it will perhaps survive. I believe that nearly all who raise chickens to any extent lose more or less from bowel trouble sometime during the season, and we might say that this loss is not caused by any fault in the feed or care, but due to "lack of vitality."

Feeding Bantam Chicks.

Breeders have about as many different ways of feeding young bantams as they have in feeding other varieties of chickens. Some recommend crackers or bread and milk for the first month. Others never feed anything but dry food for the first three or four weeks. Some breeders lose a good many feeding either way, while others feed a little of anything and everything and raise nearly every chick. From this experience it rather appears that the care and surroundings have more to do with raising them than the feed.

I prefer dry feed for bantams on the start, as well as for most other kinds of chickens, yet I have grown successfully both large and small breeds, right from the start with quite moist food, but I have attained the best success with bantam chicks when feeding as follows: To begin with they should be fed five times a day; one or more of the following things,—finely cracked wheat, pin head oat meal, millet seed, dry bread or cracker crumbs, cooked potatoes, fine particles of meat and vegetable hash. Give no more than what they will eat up clean, so they will have a keen appetite for every meal. But do not undertake to keep the size down by not giving them enough to eat at any feeding. One cannot make a greater mistake. Birds that are deprived of a reasonable amount of food to satisfy their appetites are most sure to turn out to be scrawny, ill-shaped

specimens, and never fit to breed from. Neither should they be forced, as though you intend to make broilers of them. There will be no trouble in getting at the proper amount of food after a little experience. To keep the size down breed from rather small birds and not too early in the season. The light and nimble grace of nature is what we should aim at in breeding bantams.

I think that bantam chicks require a little more animal food in proportion to their size than other chicks, and it is best I believe to avoid giving foods that are rich in nitrogen. There should always be a supply of fine grit at hand. Plenty of room for them to exercise in is desirable. It assists in making them active and more stylish. There is quite a difference in bantams as to hardiness, some being very delicate.

With a great many, bantams are found to be equally as profitable as the larger classes of fowls. It is frequently the case that they may be kept where other fowls could not be. They may have the run of the lawn or garden without fear of their doing damage to any extent. In regard to their laying qualities, they are like many of the larger breeds, some good and some bad.

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Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
When you're numbered with the dead
In your still and narrow bed,
In the happy spring I'll come
And deck your silent home—
Creeping, silently creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
My humble song of praise
Most joyfully I raise
To Him whose command
I beautify the land,
Creeping, silently creeping everywhere.

Sarah Roberts Boyle.

Acorn Bread.

The Indians scattered among the foothills of the Sierra are a quiet, inoffensive people. They do not appear to be governed by any tribal laws yet adhere to many of their old traditions. One or two men of superior ability and industry form a nucleus around which others less ambitious gather. Hence they fence with brush and logs a tract sufficient for their requirements of hay-making, pasturage, etc. Although they often indulge in the food of the civilized nations, the acorn is still a favorite article of diet in every well-regulated wigwam. The process of converting this bitter nut into bread is curious. Under the branches of a grand old pine I once found them at work. They had shucked and ground in the usual manner a large mass of acorn meats. A number of circular vats had been hollowed out of the black soil in the shape of a punch-bowl. Into these was put the acorn pulp. At hand stood several large clothes-baskets filled with water, and into these they dropped hot stones, thus heating the water to the required temperature.

Upon the mass of crushed bitterness they carefully ladled the hot water making it about the color and consistency of cream. Not a speck appeared to mix. A buxum Muhala stood by each vat, and with a small fir bough stirred the mass, skillfully removing any speck that floated upon the surface. The soil gradually absorbed the bitter waters, leaving a firm white

substance, of which they made bread. I asked to taste it, at which they said something in their language, and all laughed. I asked again, and after much laughter I was handed a small particle on a fig-leaf, and found it sweet and palatable. They began to remove it, and so adroitly was this done that but a small portion adhered to the soil. They spread it upon rocks, and in a short time it was fit for use. This, I am told, they mix with water, make it into thin cakes, and bake before the fire.

George B. Griffith.

The Old-Time Fireplace.

After the evening chores were done, my father would appear in the doorway with the big black log coated with snow, often of ampler girth than himself, and fully breast high to him as he held it upright, canting it one way and another, and walking it before him on its wedge-shaped end. He would perhaps stand it against the chimney while he took a breathing spell and planned his campaign. Then the andirons hauled forward on the hearth, and the bed of half burnt brands and live coals raked open, the icy log was walked into the chimney, where a skillful turn would lay it over, hissing and steaming, in its lair of hot embers. It seemed a thing alive, and its vehement sputtering and protesting made a dramatic moment for at least one small spectator. The stout shovel and tongs, or perhaps a piece of firewood used as a lever, would force it against the chimney back; then a good sized stick, called a "back stick," was laid on top of it, and the andirons were set in place. Across the andirons another good sized stick was laid, called a "fore stick," and in the interspace smaller sticks were crossed and thrust and piled, all quickly kindled by the live coals and brands. In very cold weather a fire was kept burning all night, our father getting up once or twice to replenish it. Even in summer the coals rarely became extinct. A good heap of them, covered with embers at bedtime, would be found alive when raked open in the morning.—*J. T. Trowbridge.*

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Helps and Hints

How to Wash a Sweater.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Since the sweater has become such a common article of apparel, it is necessary for the housekeeper to know how to wash it properly. Like all woolen garments it is likely to shrink unless special care is taken to prevent it, and many of them become unfit for further wear after two or three washings.

Fill a pail or small tub half full of tepid rain water, dissolve half a bar of any good laundry soap in a quart of boiling water, and pour in enough to make a good suds. Put in a teaspoonful of powdered borax and stir well. Turn the sweater wrong side out and shake it vigorously, then put it in the suds and allow it to soak fifteen minutes. Dip it up and down and work it gently between the hands so as to remove the dirt without impairing the shape of the garment. Pour off the water and rinse through two or three clean waters of the same temperature. Squeeze out all the water you can, and hang it up in the basement or a room where it is not cold enough to freeze, and set a tub under it to catch the water that drips.

There are several things to remember if this work is a success. It should be done quickly, using water of the same temperature from the first to the last. Do not rub soap on the garment, but dissolve it in the water. If the sweater is very dirty, prepare a second suds by adding borax and soap and wash it twice before rinsing. Do not hang it in the wind or before a hot fire. Do not wring it, as that causes the tiny fibers of the wool to interlace, making it hard and rough. No ironing is necessary, simply dry it thoroughly, then turn it right side out and it is ready to wear. E. J. C.

To Launder Shirts.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

If a shirt is to present that immaculate appearance which the inexperienced laundress so much desires and so seldom obtains, the work must be very carefully done.

To secure the best results the garment should be left to soak one half hour in a warm pearline suds then rubbed gently to remove the soilure. The bosom, wrist-bands and neck should be rubbed between the hands, if necessary, but never on a board. Fifteen minutes boiling in pearline suds will thoroughly cleanse the garment which should then be gently rubbed through one clear water and rinsed in a second one to which has been added a very little bluing. Too much bluing gives a dingy appearance. If the water is hard it is well to add a little powdered borax to soften it, both for washing and rinsing.

Make a boiled starch with common

laundry starch, adding a piece of white wax the size of a white bean and a level teaspoonful of powdered borax to nearly a quart of starch when cooked. The wax will keep the iron from sticking and the borax will give added stiffness and a nice gloss.

When the shirt is dry rub the starch into the bosom and wristbands from the wrong side. Never put starch directly upon the bosom but rub it through from the wrong side which will prevent lumps to iron over. After the shirt is again dried, if there is any danger of its not being stiff enough, it may be wet in cold starch and rolled up, with the remainder of the shirt well sprinkled with clear water to dampen it. Let it remain one hour then begin the ironing by spreading a sleeve, folded at the seam, on the ironing board and ironing it from wristband to shoulder. Then with a clean cloth wrung from clear water rub the outside of the wristband, then the inside. Spread a thin cloth over it and iron over a few times, then remove the cloth and iron until smooth on both sides and perfectly dry. When both sleeves are finished, fold the back of the shirt in the middle and iron it; then spread the shirt out on the board and iron the front except the bosom. Iron the neck band then draw the bosom over the bosom board, stretching it tightly, rub it all over with the damp cloth, spread a thin cloth over and iron slightly. Remove the cloth and iron first the sides, then the middle, pulling out any wrinkles that may appear and ironing until stiff and dry. Now wring the soft cloth from clear water and brush lightly over the entire surface; then with a clean hot iron, work briskly and with a hard pressure to secure a good gloss.

Hang the shirt without folding on the rack to get perfectly dry then lay on the table and fold the sleeves straight down on the front so that the top of the shoulders touches the sides of the bosom. Next fold one side (sleeve and shirt) over onto the middle of front, then the other side the same way. Fold the lower half up over, and the bosom is well hidden from dust.
 R. E. M.

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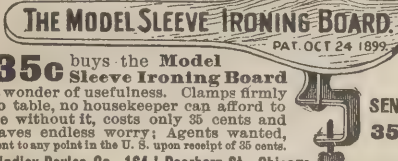
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Answers to Correspondents
By Mrs. G. T. Drennan

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When china is washed, drain thoroughly, so very little polishing or drying with dish towels, will be necessary. The gilt edges of china are gradually dimmed and destroyed by being rubbed dry and polished, after every washing. No decorations are as easily dimmed as gilt.

Mrs. P. R.—Water cress is an all-the-year-round salad. It grows in running water, and spring-fed streams of water such as cress grows in never freeze near the source. Water cress is as fresh and green in mid-winter as at any time of the year. Its cordial, pungent properties render it wholesome, and the flavor is fine.

Cooking-School Pupil.—Irish potato takes all flavors but gives none. Boiled and beaten to a cream with milk and butter, Irish potato makes either a sweet dessert or a salad, according to the ingredients. One rule should be carefully observed. That is, have the potato, the milk, the bowl and everything hot, in the process of creaming. Cold makes potatoes waxy.

Sugar, butter, and eggs, using creamed potato instead of flour, make elegant potato custards that may be baked in a pudding pan or on pastry tins. Creamed potato, with olive oil, mustard, vinegar and the usual salad seasoning, is improved by the addition of hard boiled eggs cut in slices and laid over the salad.

This is the amateur way of treating the popular Irish tuber. The cooking schools, of course, adopt the most scientific methods. The same end is frequently attained by different means.

T. T. T. Always sift flour, then measure. One cup of unsifted flour

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Boughs rosy as rifts of dawn
Like the blush on the cheek of joy.

Rich fires of the garden and meads
We kindle these hearts above.
What splendor shall match their deeds?
What sweetness can match our love?

Celia Thaxter

A SPRAY OF LILAC BLOSSOMS.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

One bright morning in May three girls of fifteen years were promenading the long hall of a large boarding school, when Annette exclaimed:

"Oh girls! I smell Lilac blossoms; oh how fragrant! I am going on a tour of investigation and shall explore all the rooms on this hall but that I find them."

They had peeped into several rooms when a door on the opposite side of the hall opened and Miss Lelia's sweet face appeared.

"Come into my room girls, I wish to talk with you a little while."

On the washstand the bowl and pitcher were filled with great bunches of the fragrant, purple Lilac. Each girl made a dash for that corner, and after several delightful sniffs, quieted down to listen to Miss Lelia, who began at once.

"Girls, every spring, no matter how far I am away from home, my friends always express me a large box of Lilac blossoms. These I call my missionary flowers, and I make it a rule to do as much good with them as possible. I take a large bunch, go for a walk, and where ever I meet a saddened, discouraged face, even of a stranger, I give a few sprays from my fragrant bouquet. Today I am unable to leave my room, but as it is Saturday I will trust you three to attend to this for me. Be governed by your own kindly sympathies, and give where you think it will do most good."

After they had started out, each one laden with bunches of the purple beauties, Annette, who was always spokesman, said, "Girls there is always some one to remember those who are sick, and the shut-ins, let us remember those who are shut-out this time. There is little Miss Morris who has lived by herself so long that nearly every one has forgotten her very existence, let us give her a call.

A bright merry call was given this neglected old lady, and when they left, a jar of the fragrant blossoms decorated her table; the fragrance carrying her back in memory from the bitter present to her own sweet youth when friends were plentiful. For a long

time she sat thinking of the past and her youthful hopes and dreams that were all too bright to last, and then with a "God bless those dear girls," took up the burden of life again.

In a dingy office, up a long flight of dirty steps, where the windows looked out on a dreary stretch of dead walls, sat a young lady at a heavily laden desk, thoroughly discouraged but busily clicking a typewriter; long-ing, oh so much, for just one breath of sweet country air. The girls with one impulse, turned into the room; with a smile and a cheery word, each laid a spray of the delicate blossoms on the desk and was gone. The room changed as if by magic from the dreary smoke stained walls into a low vine-covered country cottage with great bushes of lilac here and there through the yard; the thought of the over-worked parents who so sadly needed the help she could give, caused her to cheerfully take up her work again with another "blessing for those dear girls."

Their next visit was to a home of wealth, where it seemed that every wish could be gratified, but here the only daughter was wayward and the father has just taken a seat at his desk to write to her forbidding her ever entering his home again, when our three friends are ushered in. The three are friends of the family and have some inkling of the tumult that is raging, so, after making their call as pleasant as possible a jar of the dainty blossoms graces the desk.

At first the gentleman attempts to resume his pen, but a subtle fragrance fills the room and he finds himself in such a dreamy mood that he moves nearer the window and gazes out; but he sees nothing of the city and its gilded wealth or its poverty and degradation. Instead he sees a southern sunny home with great hedges of Lilac, and here under the purple blossoms and with some of the same dainty flowers on breast and hair, the one of all the world to him is wooed and won. Then how happy the years until she went to dwell in that silent city, leaving him to take a father's and mother's place to the daughter. He comes back to the present and instead of resuming his pen, he deliberately strikes a match to the unfinished letter.

Those dear girls for whom so many blessings have been called down, do not know of the good they did that day, but declare it the happiest day they ever spent.

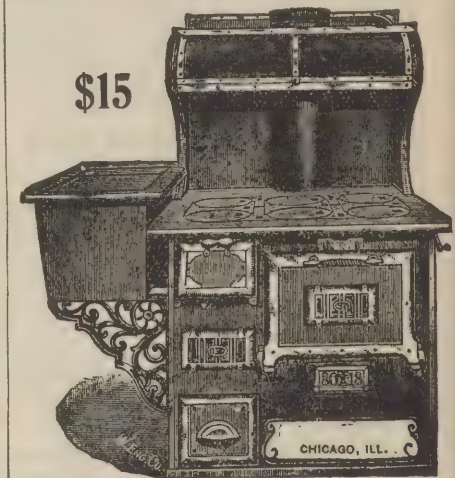
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THE MOTHERS' MEETING.

(Continued from page nine.)

"Breakfasts for Each Day of the Week" also "Dinners," and many recipes I have never seen equaled for sickroom cooking, are a great aid in proving one may eat rice, etc., in such variety as not to tire of it. Those who can should get of their grocer send direct for the one and only "Flaked Rice" the uses of which are so many for the sickroom, children's desserts, and the safest, cheapest baby food in summer possible to advice. Cooked in a moment and quickly prepared for any use, the mothers who desire to save on expensive, patent foods may do so with full success by using this cereal sugar of milk, egg whites and cream, prepared at home as needed. It is nearly the exact reproduction of a certain expensive, heavily advertised food. I have known a baby dying of cholera infantum, given up by the consulting doctors, and by a specialist honored by all the medical fraternity, saved by rice water diet. This was used by Hindoos during a famine and though liquid sustained them better than solid food.

In a remarkably few cases the home made "flour ball" is the better to use and serves as variety. The recipe sent me by a specialist, is also that of a food I had once spent many dollars to have for a delicate child. Condensed milk or cream may be used in these foods but never raise babies on condensed milk. They are notoriously lacking in vital power to resist serious diseases.

Some delays have occurred but I trust all who wrote me may receive additional advice to counterbalance the delay. In all cases will request publishers of any truly valuable work to send circulars and best prices to you. Will lady from Dansville, N. Y., write again? Illness has caused me to carelessly misplace her letter.

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight,
Make me a child again just for tonight!
Mother, come back from the echoless shore,
Take me again to your heart as of yore;
Kiss from my forehead the furrows of care,
Smooth the few silver threads out of my hair;
Over my slumbers your loving watch keep—
Rock me to sleep, mother—rock me to sleep!

Our Heartsease Circle.

Dear sisters, had she lived, this May day would have made her seven years old. Life has not grown so smooth or easy that she, helpful spirit, would not have made many weary hours easier. Yes, it is all loss to the mother, if selfishly considered. Gain however, to the child and a steadily gaining influence in any family, if that death is believed to be the blessed freedom of a soul.

Some natures acquire enforced stoicism and shed no tears on principle. Tears do not dishonor our faith but naturally relieve nervous tension. April's tears aid the blossoms of May.

Quiet grief is a frost which blights. You who sweetly tell of your sympathy because you have also lost; you who, tender to all, feel for unknown grief, and all who sympathize with the mottoes and purposes of the Heartsease Circle and will join hands to form an endless chain of heartsease, you are doing one of the "doorstep deeds" even as you write. It blesses, rewards, inspires me. It removes the sting on dark days to feel that though dead she, "my heartsease," may work some good in a world often needing comfort. Even so, do you, in joining, unite the influence of loving memories of your sweet darlings and who may measure the good of such heartsease work!

Drop a stone in a quiet pond. See the wave line swell in another, as that in turn disappears in another. Broader and broader swells, until at last it reaches shore. So a simple word, a kind deed, often unconsciously to us, begins an influence. Eternity's shore shall see the broadest ripple of that wave you began.

A few examples of some of the sistre's ideas prove they are earnest to help. One who never even saw the eyes of her precious babe, who is tolerably well after years of illness, consecrates her loss and God's grace in restoring her by assuming the very doorstep work He would wish for her. Another writes, "I think all the mothers should join the circle and write little helpful letters." Many of us have need of Heartsease, and trying to ease some other sore heart comforts our own. She rocks the cradle as she writes. May hope and love be hers.

Some lovely grandmothers write, too, and oh! as I look them over I feel I have in those letters and the hope in them blossoms such as she would love better than the heartsease blooms planted once on that now distant grave. The first result shall be a better, stronger, sweeter life than before. This is one result, sisters of your heartsease work.

Better to strive and climb
And never reach the goal
Than to drift along with time—
An aimless, worthless soul.
Aye, better to climb and fail,
Or sow, though the yield be small,
Than to throw away day after day,
And never strive at all.

Please learn this verse. Whisper it over drudgery. Think of it during times when those we love seem to not love us. Dream of it as the children romp about. Hum it over to baby as he insists on consuming your time to cuddle him. Better even to fail—galling word—than to never strive. Some of us have known the "fiery furnace" of endless conflict; some are now sighing, discouraged, confused by well-nigh brutal troubles, striving to keep true to the inner ideal woman.

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Prize Contest

AWARDS.

We have worked faithfully to review the Mss. entered in our Prize Contest but have been unable to read all of the large number of stories and floral articles in time to announce the prize winners in this issue as we hoped to do. We are anxious that every one shall have careful consideration and are obliged to defer until the June issue the announcement of the remaining prizes.

The prize winners named below will receive no further notice except those who win cash prizes. Remittances will be made to the latter just as soon as all awards have been made and announced, which will doubtless be June 1st.

There were not enough photographs entered to constitute a contest, so no announcement is made of them.

CONTEST NO. 4.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

First Prize—One Hundred Things Worth Knowing, Josephine Weatherly, Emporia, Kan.

Second Prize—Remodeling Dresses, Emma A. Smith, Marysville, Ohio.

Third Prize—One Housekeeper's Way, Martha Clark Rankin, Peekskill, N. Y.

OTHER PRIZE ARTICLES.

The Ready for Christmas Club, Mrs. T. A. Shuff, New Berlin, Ill.

Comforts of a Gas Stove, H. B. Geer, Nashville, Tenn.

Children in the Home, Mrs. A. R. Perham, Wilton, N. H.

An Easter Party, Josephine Weatherly, Emporia, Kan.

A Sensible Idea, Emma Stahler Smith, Columbus, O.

A Few Hints to the Housewife and Mother, Mrs. A. C. Stewart, Toledo, O.

A Novel Addition to a Dinner, Mrs. A. R. Knight, Minneapolis, Minn.

To Make a Nice Warm Quilt, Lillie E. Graham, St. John, Wash.

Household Helps, Barbara M. Clark, Plymouth, O.

Household Hints, Mrs. G. M. Bruce, Red Wing, Minn.

Annual Cleaning of the Bedrooms, Helen C. Meldrum, Hull, Quebec.

How to Make a Cheap Mattress, Mrs. Belle McCauley, Madison, Ind.

Novelties in Fancy Work, Mrs. Florence Parkinson, Newcastle, Wyoming.

Frightening Children, Emma A. Smith, Marysville, Ohio.

CONTEST NO. 5.

GARDEN POINTS.

First Prize—Success with Strawberries, M. N. Edgerton, Petoskey, Mich.

Second Prize—A Woman's Acre, Mrs. Annie L. Jack, Chateaugay Basin, Canada.

Third Prize—An Easy Way to Grow Celery, Rev. G. H. A. Murray, Hatley, Quebec.

OTHER PRIZE ARTICLES

Ten Paces by Eight, George C. Wille, London, Ont.

Canned or Potted Tomato Plants Frank Clarke, Paris, Texas.

Tomatoes from Cuttings, Mrs. S. M. Duggan, Cuthbert, Ga.

City Gardening, Edith Griffin, Brookline, Mass.

CONTEST NO. 6.

POULTRY.

First Prize—Poultry Helps, Mrs. Helen Steele Titus, Baker City, Ore.

Second Prize—The Small Poultry Keeper, A. V. Meersch, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Third Prize—One Henwife's Way, S. Viletta Doane, Essex, Conn.

OTHER PRIZE ARTICLES.

Helps in Poultry, M. N. Edgerton, Petoskey, Mich.

How We Make a Small Flock Pay, Ella F. Flanders, DeWittville, N. Y.

My First Year with Poultry, H. B. Geer, Nashville, Tenn.

Raising Chickens on Limited Means, Mrs. J. Bernhardt, Greensburg, Ind.

Poultry Foods, Helen C. Meldrum, Hull, Quebec.

Lice, Mrs. E. E. Dalton, Parkersburg, Ill.

How Many Eggs Should a Hen Lay, A. V. Meersch, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Winter Feeding for Poultry, Katie B. Rigoulot, Monroe, Iowa.

The Poultryman's Alphabet, Mrs. D. C. Boothe, Roanoke, Va.

CONTEST NO. 7

POETRY.

First Prize—The Moon Boat, Pauline Carrington Bouve, Boston, Mass.

Second Prize—When the Leaves are Off the Trees, Carabel Lewis Munger, DeWittville, N. Y.

Third Prize—A Retrospect, Nannie Byrd Turner, King George, Va.

OTHER PRIZE ARTICLES.

Cynthia's Garden, Lulu Whedon Mitchell, Evansston, Ill.

The Close of Day, Clarence M. Agard, Rockville Conn.

In My Lady's Garden, Florence K. White, Clifton, Ohio.

Poppies, Nellie Tingley, Jackson, Mich.

Baby Faces, Martha Shepard Lippincott, Moorestown, N. J.

Thanksgiving, Carabel Lewis Munger, DeWittville, N. Y.

Above are worthy of special commendation.

Violet Song, Mrs. C. L. Eyles, DeLand, Fla.

May and June, Lucia B. Cook, Greenville, S. C.

Springtime, Irmgard Geer, Alva, Oklahoma.

When Susan Plays the Violin, L. T. Ehrenfeld, Greensburg, Pa.

The First Violets, Thayer Rouse, Dowagiac, Mich.

Beautiful Flowers, Mrs. A. R. Perham, Wilton, N. H.

What Is It, Cecil Eric Wright, Indianapolis, Ind.

Father is Coming From Town, Fannie Alricks Shugert, Bellevue, Del.

Daddy Pelton's Sleigh, V. H. McGuffin, Lynn, Mass.

A Floral Party, Georgietta Congdon Bailey, Seattle, Wash.

Robin Redbreast, Emma C. Southwick, Central Falls, R. I.

The Beacon Light, L. Eugenie Eldridge, South Chatham, Mass.

Only a Flower, Mrs. J. S. Willett, Appleton, N. Y.

Spring, L. E. Hessel, Santa Rosa, Cal.

The Garden of Peace, Montague Donner, New York, N. Y.

Do the Best Yer Can, H. Wellington Gustin, Peters Creek, Ill.

I Know That God is There, Benjamin Phillips, Seiad, Cal.

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IN THE GARDEN.

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from all over the place. It was not large in area but its capacity for "holding" was amazing. In plowing the adjoining ground, I had my man plow round and round the cellar and turn in all the soil possible. More still was hauled in with the harrow, and the balance of filling up was done with the shovel. After filling as much as convenient, it was still a hollow, but not at all unsightly; but the hired man said nothing would grow there, and I would have my labor for my pains.

I thought differently, and so planted it to muskmelons. There was only room for a few hills; but they grew like Jonah's gourd. We are troubled with a weakness for that sort of fruit, and while the melons held out, it was humored to the limit, and \$2.00 worth were sold. For six successive years, or during our entire stay there, full crops of everything planted there were grown. There was hard work of course, but also bushels of fun and fruit, and by no means least, the removal of the eye-sore; of itself a great relief. Not all the desert places will require so much labor to set them blooming; but they are all around us to greater or lesser extent; and in beautifying and utilizing even one of them, we are shedding an influence that shall be felt as the years go by.

What to Plant.

In this of course, we must be governed by our tastes and space. The more fortunate possessors of roomy grounds, will be able to include a larger list. If space permitted, I would hardly be satisfied to omit, either rhubarb, asparagus, strawberries, or raspberries from the permanent beds. A few feet of space for each, with intensive culture, will do wonders.

With us, sweet corn is a staple, and while requiring considerable space, it will also accommodate turnips, pie pumpkins or even squashes, very nicely between the rows. The climbing sorts of Lima beans, will cover unsightly sheds or fences from mid-summer until the frost cuts them down; and they never go begging as a home supply or market product. They were ready sale at forty cents per quart in our markets last season. A bed of lettuce three feet square, will furnish plants for setting the whole season through. The young plants may be taken up while quite small and reset wherever a foot of vacant space may be found. Resow the bed as the young plants are taken up, and thus a supply for transplanting may be had all the time. A small space will supply an abundance of radishes. They like a moist rich soil, and if a seed is dropped in whenever a radish is pulled out, the bed may be constantly kept in commission. The mid-summer will be too warm for a fine quality of summer radishes; but these may be replaced by the winter sorts, which may be

used during the fall, and any surplus can be nicely stored for winter.

Set out a tomato plant wherever a few inches of space is available. Train it to a stake, and lettuce, turnip or other plants will grow quite close to the stalk.

Many more suggestions are lining up to be registered and noted down; but we fear the limit of space is already exhausted.

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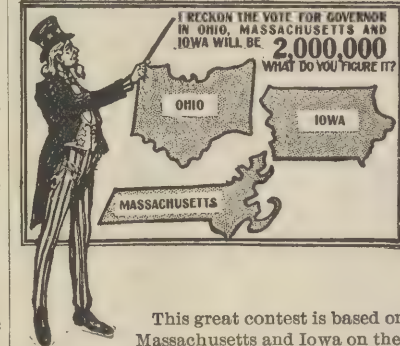
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1897	854,986	269,795	438,292	1,563,073
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The Sending Forth of Little Jane.

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The tree was so beautiful, it simply could not be taken down till after Christmas. Somehow the thirstiest man at Gringer's did not want the bar opened on that Christmas Sunday, and so the meeting was held in the old tavern, and everybody came.

That sermon! To this day the people reckon times from "the year of the Christmas sermon." It sounded out thrillingly, winningly with its message of cheer and good will—out to all the lonely camps, through all the high valleys, and it brought men—but that story must wait.

Then the pastor and little Jane and the doll went down together, and the way led between acres and acres and thousands and thousands of Christmas trees, each casting its happy separate shadow upon the glittering snow.

"Am I surprised?" laughed the little mother, at home, "why, precious ones, I knew it all, ages ago. They couldn't keep the beautiful secret all to themselves. And the people down here are so jealous—they are going to give a lovely children's reception to little Jane!" *Pacific Monthly.*

The Great Seed Farms of California.

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a red or blue flower. So the seed farmer has to look out for quality as well as quantity; he must possess a sympathy and an insight into plant life which to the layman seems well nigh marvelous. This ability to understand the flowers themselves, their needs, their traditions and their inherited traits is a prerequisite of the seed grower. His flowers themselves must not only come close to perfection, but their ancestry must be so accurately ascertained and the conditions of their environment must be so suited to their growth, that their flower children will show the results of inherited strength or beauty.

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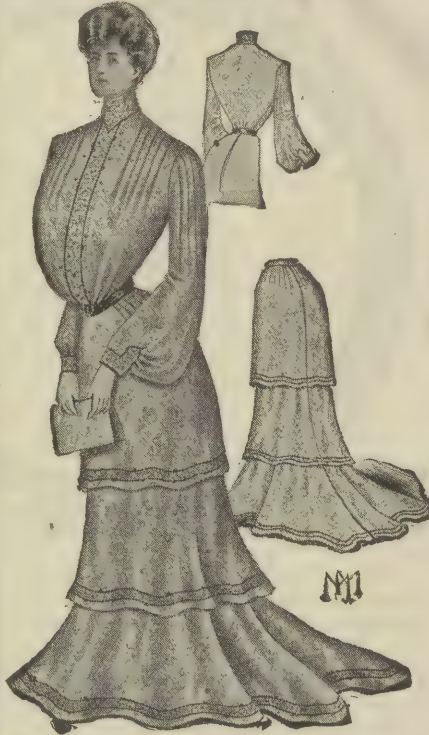
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The quantity of material required for the medium size is for waist 5 yards 21 inches wide, 4 yards 27 inches wide, 3 3/4 yards 32 inches wide or 2 1/2 yards 44 inches wide; for skirt 9 1/2 yards 21 inches wide, 8 1/2 yards 27 inches wide, 6 1/2 yards 32 inches wide or 5 1/4 yards 44 inches wide.

The waist pattern 4383 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

The skirt pattern 3895 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30 inch waist measure.

A Smart Easter Costume.

Blouse Jacket 4384. Tucked Skirt 4366.



Flowered organdies are in great demand for Summer gowns and are essentially dainty and charming. This stylish example is made with the new triple skirt and is trimmed with lace edged with ribbon tied in occasional knots, but all the season's materials suit the design and the trimming can be varied again and again. Embroidery with an edge of plain colored batiste is new and attractive, irregular lace is much in vogue and numberless other suggestions could be made.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is for waist 3 3/4 yards 27 inches wide, 3 1/4 yards 32 inches wide or 2 1/2 yards 44 inches wide; for skirt 11 yards 27 inches wide, 9 1/2 yards 32 inches wide or 6 1/2 yards 44 inches wide, with 8 1/2 yards 21 or 5 yards 36 inches wide for foundation.

The waist pattern 4351 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inch bust measure.

The skirt pattern 4386 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist measure.

A Dainty Summer Gown.

Blouse or Shirt Waist 4383. Nine Gored Tucked Skirt 3895.



Costumes made with tucked skirts and blouse jackets are in the height of style for Spring wear and are shown in cloth, chevot, homespun, etamine and canvas. This very smart model is adapted to all the materials named, but, as shown, is of canvas in reseda green with the stole of Bulgarian embroidery edged with a cord of black and white.

The blouse is new and stylish. The capes are exceedingly fashionable but they can, nevertheless, be omitted and the blouse made plain when preferred. The skirt is one of the latest shown.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is, for blouse 5 1/4 yards 21 inches wide, 4 3/4 yards 27 inches wide, 2 3/4 yards 44 inches wide or 2 1/2 yards 52 inches wide; for skirt 12 yards 21 inches wide, 10 1/4 yards 27 inches wide, 6 1/2 yards 44 inches wide or 6 yards 52 inches wide.

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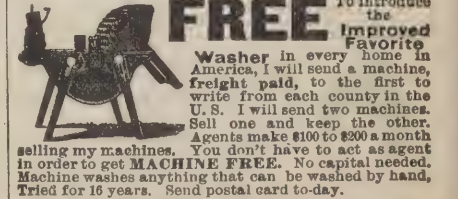
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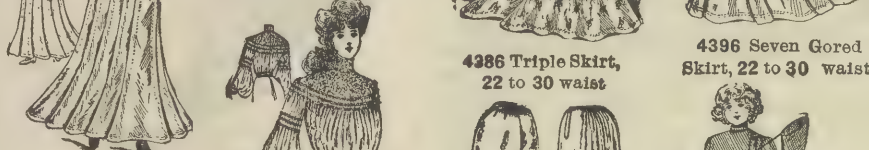
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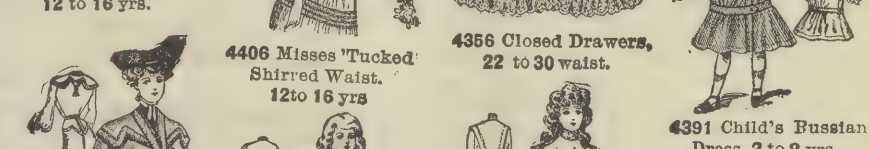
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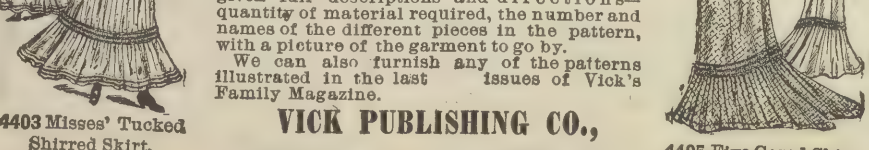
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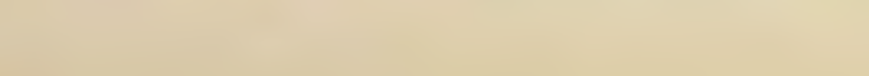
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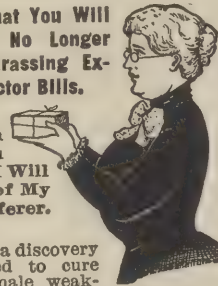
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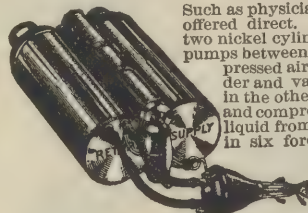
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TALKS ABOUT FLOWERS.

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I should set the tigridia in clumps, by itself. The display will be much better than otherwise. The flowers are odd and interesting and deserve a preferred position. I hope that some of you are planning for a flower border made chiefly of summer blooming bulbs. The idea is a good one, and in large grounds, could be beautifully carried out. It may be made close up against a fence, or out on the lawn. If given the last named position, the tall plants should be placed in the center instead of at one of the long sides. The different oxalis would make an excellent border. Tuberoses that you have started in pots should be plunged in the open ground when danger from frost is past. If they do not blossom before fall, you can lift them and enjoy them indoors.

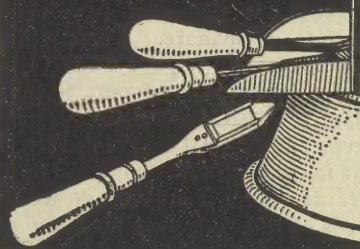
SEASONABLE SUGGESTIONS.

I trust that you have cleaned the yard in a thorough and conscientious manner, and that you know by this time where you desire to make your flower beds and what you intend to have in each one. If I were you, I should try to give the majority of plants a great deal of sunlight. There are some flowers, however, like the pansy, tuberous begonia and evening blooming plants that do best when shaded from noon until morning. Do not plant them in the glaring sun, in warm, gravelly soil and expect them to do well. The ground should be spaded and respaded, every spring. It should also be enriched. If it is known to be badly drained, it should be removed to a certain depth and substituted with new, rich mellow earth. Several choice plants, like lilies, will not flourish in a poorly drained soil.

May is a very good month to plant roses, especially dormant ones. If started within a few weeks, many of the teas will get pretty well established during June; and, by August, you will have roses to give away. You

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can tell by this time which ones were killed during winter, and if they were choice varieties, I should try again. I should leave no vacant spaces in my rose garden to tell of failure. Do not plant them when the sun shines brightly. Thoroughly moisten the soil before forming it around the roots. Do not set the plants too deep or too shallow. If you wish, plant the tea varieties in pots and plunge these in the open ground; but if you have concluded that it does not pay to bother with tender roses, at the North, let your order be chiefly for hardy, hybrid perpetuals. Unless you are an extremely critical person, I am sure that you will like them.

Morning glory and climbing nasturtium seed should be sown this month. The last named vine freezes very easily, and you should be on hand to save it, when it needs protection. Sow the seeds where the plants are to remain—under a window or by a porch. The soil should be mellow; but it is not necessary to provide a particle of manure. These vines do not seem to require much food. Water, however, is very essential. Plant the seed thick and cover an inch deep. If they all come up, thin them out far enough apart so that the ones left in the ground can do well. If seeds of the Japanese morning glory are soaked in warm water for a day before planting, they will come up sooner. This should also be remembered in regard to canna seeds.

The Bright-Eyed Circle.

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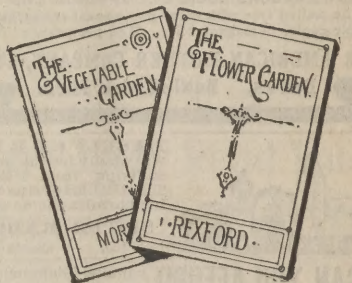
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Here is what the judges say: We are personally acquainted with the publishers of the People's Popular Monthly and can assure every one that they will do just as they say and pay all prizes in full and without partiality. They have asked us to act as judges in this contest and we will gladly act in that capacity. H. F. Gross, Treasurer city of Des Moines; S. H. Sheakley, Supt. Des Moines schools and Chas. E. Johnson, Secretary Des Moines Y. M. C. A.

The first prizes will be awarded to the lady and the gentleman counting nearest the correct number. If more than one lady and one gentleman count equally correct, the first prizes will be awarded to the lady and gentleman giving the best plan for counting. The other prizes will be awarded in the same manner. Therefore be sure and send along your plan for counting.

HOW TO COMPETE One count is given with each full year's subscription to the PEOPLE'S POPULAR MONTHLY for 50 cents. Three counts are given with a two years' subscription or two yearly subscriptions, for one dollar. You may send ten subscriptions at ten cents each (this is a special price) for the magazine for three months, and enter five counts. Write all names and addresses plainly. Subscribers with three counts entered may enter additional counts at 10 cents each. **Extra \$100 prize.** It is better that you have three counts entered as that secures for you this liberal \$100.00 extra prize in the event you have nearest correct number, and outline the best plan for counting. Besides, with three counts you stand more show of winning the prize. **ONLY THE SMALL DOLLAR MARKS ALONG THE SIDES AND BOTTOM OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT ARE TO BE COUNTED.** Extra copies of this advertisement on heavy paper will be furnished on receipt of stamp to pay postage.

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PEOPLE'S POPULAR MONTHLY, Des Moines, Iowa. 92 Manhattan Bldg.

The following people won prizes as given below in our ring counting contest that closed Feb. 22. Many others won prizes, whose names we cannot give for lack of space. This list is enough to convince you that we pay all prizes in full:



Won Piano and \$100 cash, Mrs. L. G. Robinson, 4th and Park Ave., Newport, Ky. Won \$150 in cash, Mr. Fred Hecht, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio.

Won \$50 in cash, E. Tafel, 4th and Marshal Sts., Dayton, Ohio. Won Cash prizes varying from \$20.00 to \$2.00 Mrs. Cleo Anderson, Box 34, Summitville, Tenn.; Mrs. O. A. Young, Eagle Grove, Iowa; Orris Eshleman, Atlanta, Ind.; J. S. Billups, 157 Bridge St., Chillicothe, Ohio; Miss Hazel Foltz, Spencer, Neb.; Sam Molberg, Rutland, N. D.; Miss Ellen Reasons, Broughton, Ill.; Henry Bower Harleyville, Penn.; Miss Mayme Gatto, Main and Floyd Sts., Louisville, Ky.